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Canadian geese cause of jet crash

WASHINGTON Safety officials say bird remains in both engines of the US Airways jetliner that ditched in New York's Hudson River last month have been identified as Canada geese.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board says experts at the Smithsonian Institution who examined 25 samples of bird remains made the determination.

They have been unable to determine how many birds were involved in the crash, in which all crew members and passengers survived.

Canada geese typically range in size from just under three kilograms to some 5.5 kilograms.

The safety board says the engines on the ditched airliner are designed to withstand a collision with a bird weighing up to 1.8 kilograms without catching fire or being damaged enough to shut down.

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Olympians **Taking flight to Vancouver**

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The Flying Canucks Ski and Snowboard Aerials Trampoline Show with Jeff Bean, Olympic freestyle skier, left, and Sean Butler, Olympic snowboarder, perform Thursday at Nathan Philips Square to celebrate the one-year countdown to the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Celebrations were held across the country. More coverage, pg 12.

Lighting the way to 2010

TORCH A crowd of about 1,000 cheering people gathered in lightly falling snow in Whistler's village square Thursday morning to welcome the torch that will carry the Olympic flame in its 45,000-kilometre, 12,000-torchbearer relay across Canada in the months leading up to Vancouver's 2010 Games.

The torch, a graceful, curving modern design, is inspired by Canada's winter landscape, particularly the "fluid lines" left in the snow from winter sports, said Pierre Beaudoin, CEO of Bombardier, the company that designed it.

The Vancouver 2010 torch is white on its sides and stainless steel on its front. It is 94 centimetres in length and weighs, with fuel, 1.6 kilograms. It widens in the middle and tapers gently upward to the burner. The Vancouver 2010 Inukshuk logo is emblazed on either side.

"I think the torch is beautiful," said Vancouver's Patricia Moreano, 18, the first of two selected torchbearers who ran the torch through Whistler Thursday, clad in the Hudson Bay Company-designed torchbearer uniforms.

Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, said the torch's flame "is a symbol of the fire burning in the hearts of all athletes."

VANOC CEO John Furlong said members of the Vancouver 2010 organizing committee would be travelling to Greece in October to bring the Olympic flame to Canada. "From the back of this torch will come a huge flowing yellow flame matching the spirit that we believe exists in our country," he said.

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Gun debate ignites

Cops release video footage of firearm heist suspect

Gary Gordaneer collected guns most of his life — but no more.

He was given his first, a .22-calibre repeating rifle, as an 11-year-old boy. By 62, Gordaneer had accumulated as many as 80 weapons, which he estimates were worth about $500,000. "Now, they're all gone," says the 65-year-old.

Three years ago, on Feb. 10, 2006, thieves broke into Gordaneer's Mississauga apartment. They busted through the front door and jimmied open three of the four large metal storage lockers.

The suspects made off with 42 handguns. The heist, one of a string of thefts targeting gun collections, is believed to be the largest cache of weapons stolen from an Ontario gun collector.

It's an ongoing problem with no end in sight.

This past weekend, 12 legally registered firearms, including 10 handguns, were stolen from a Scarborough apartment in the Neilson Road and Crow Trail area. The weapons, which belonged to a gun club member, were stored in a locked cabinet.

On Thursday, police released surveillance footage of a stocky man believed to be in his early- to mid-20s, wearing a white hoodie and dark pants, entering the building through the front entrance, then exiting through the back door carrying large black boxes in each hand.

"All the work that my people are doing, getting guns off the streets, it's not insignificant that 10 more handguns are out there … potentially making their way into the hands of criminals," said Toronto police Chief Bill Blair.

The bottom line, he continued, is that, legal or not, those who store handguns in their home are potentially putting the public at risk.

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Miller weighs in

• "There are guns stolen all the time in Toronto that are used in crimes. About a third of the shootings that occur in this city are guns from Canadian sources," Mayor David Miller said. "You can never completely outfox criminals who, once they find out about guns, are going to steal them."

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Bay Street stabbing lands one man in hospital

Police are searching for four people after a 64-year-old man was stabbed in the chest during a confrontation at Bay and Front streets last night. What he had initially thought was a punch had actually been a stabbing, police said. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital with minor injuries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Red light cameras don't get green light

Toronto is preparing to shelve plans to install more of its red-light cameras this year. The problem is money. The program was supposed to pay for itself through fines. But it didn't collect nearly as much as projected last year because fewer tickets were issued than expected, and people are fighting the charges rather than just hand over $180. Original plans called for boosting the number of cameras to 98 this year from 77, but staff are now recommending holding off until at least 2010. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Help coming for Ontario's poor?

Ontario's upcoming budget will include new measures to help the poorest families even though the province is struggling through difficult financial times, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Thursday.

The government has been making "several efforts" on the poverty front and expects to announce additional steps next month, McGuinty said.

> **"There will be a part of the budget that speaks to our shared responsibility to help those Ontarians who have been most affected by this recession."**
> Dalton McGuinty

"There will be a part of the budget that speaks to our shared responsibility to help those Ontarians who have been most affected by this recession," McGuinty said. "There will be additional support in there."

McGuinty declined to specifically address calls from anti-poverty groups who want the province to invest $2.4 billion this year and $2.6 billion next year on social programs, saying Finance Minister Dwight Duncan will unveil the measures along with the budget.

While McGuinty warned in the fall he wouldn't be able to go as far and as fast as first planned on the poverty file because of the economic downturn, he's now pointing to federal aid as lending a helping hand.

"We said we can't achieve (our) target unless we get support from the federal government, and they provided some of that support in the most recent budget," McGuinty said.

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Two weeks added to Winterlicious

FOOD Winterlicious, Toronto's annual fixed-price restaurant event, has been extended for two weeks and will now run until Feb. 28.

Participating restaurants aren't required to extend their fixed price offers but a City of Toronto official said a high proportion are choosing to opt in for another two weeks.

A complete list of restaurants that have chosen to extend Winterlicious will be posted Friday at at www.toronto.ca/winterlicious. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rush hour stabbing at Wilson station

TTC A man suffered serious stab wounds after being attacked in the bus bay at Wilson subway station just after 4 p.m. Thursday.

The 29-year-old victim was taken to Sunnybrook hospital with multiple stab wounds to his upper body. He is expected to survive, said Sgt. Randall Lee.

There were no reported delays.

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Lot of chocolate **Bracing for the rush**

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Soma chocolate maker, Simon Blackwell, poses in the Distillery District with a tray of Lacey Heart Valentine chocolates ready to be packaged. The day before Valentine's Day is chocolate makers busiest day of the year.

Severe ice jams swell up around GTA

MELTING The flood danger has eased along major rivers in the Greater Toronto Area, but not before some tense moments yesterday in Toronto's Don Valley and Georgetown.

An ice jam on the Don River caused extensive overnight flooding that forced the closing of the Bayview Extension between Bloor Street and Pottery Road Thursday. In Georgetown, a major ice jam on the Credit River at the Barber Mill dam caused minor flooding that threatened to worsen when more ice came hurtling downriver from another jam.

However, by late Thursday, the threat had passed and the water level was dropping, said John Kinkead, director of water resources for the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

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Flooding

- Only two houses suffered some basement flooding.

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Financial district hit by power outage

The financial district suffered a large outage Thursday for a couple of hours. As many as six buildings lost power just after 1:30 p.m., including First Canadian Place, which houses the Toronto Stock Exchange. Trading was never affected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘Bathtub Girl’ applying for prison release

MURDER CASE A 21-year-old Mississauga woman remains stuck in the same emotional mindset six years after murdering her mother, a court was told yesterday.

The woman, who along with her older sister, were dubbed Canada’s notorious “Bathtub Girls” is again seeking her release from a federal women’s prison. This time she wants to attend the University of Ottawa.

Hearing

- The woman refused to continue counselling because of a conflict with her therapist
- Her hearing continues March 10.

In opposing her release, Crown prosecutor Mike Cantlon told the court the academically gifted woman was “emotionally in the same crime cycle” in dealing with the psychological and psychiatric factors that led to her and her sister murdering their mother on Jan. 18, 2003.

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Teacher strike averted

The prospect of a province-wide strike by public elementary school teachers evaporated Thursday after Canada’s largest teachers’ union agreed to take the Ontario government’s 11th-hour contract offer.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

David Clegg, president of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, holds a news conference in Toronto Thursday to announce that they had accepted the latest government contract offer.

The Elementary Teachers’ Federation of Ontario grudgingly accepted the four-year, $700-million deal with only minutes to spare before the offer expired.

“A better deal for elementary education could have been achieved,” said union president David Clegg, who appeared more subdued Thursday after railing against the province’s new deadline just days ago.

“Unfortunately it was not, and due to (Education Minister Kathleen) Wynne’s flawed process, elementary students will now receive less than what ETFO proposed in December.”

Clegg dismissed suggestions that he was under pressure to accept what Wynne called her “final” offer, which included a 10.4 per cent pay raise over four years as Ontario braces for a recession.

The increase, which brings the top salary to about $92,700, was smaller than the 12 per cent salary boost teachers were offered in the fall.

But the revised deal still includes money for more preparation time and hiring more teachers, the government said.

Clegg was not impressed, suggesting that Ontario’s education system has always discriminated against the female-dominated profession.

But if the province is serious about forging good relations with teachers, Premier Dalton McGuinty must commit to closing a $711-per-student funding gap between elementary and high schools, Clegg said.

Earlier in the day, McGuinty urged the union to accept the “fair” offer.

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Two charged after drug raid

CRIME Police have charged two people with drug and assault offences after $260,000 worth of drugs were seized from a drug lab in a Scarborough home.

On Tuesday, police responded to an unknown trouble call at a house on Penmarric Place, near Steeles Avenue East and McCowan Road and discovered the lab. They later seized opium, cocaine and hashish, scales and other drug paraphernalia.

John Griner, 34, has been charged with possession of drugs and assault with a weapon. Phuong Tran, 26, has been charged with possession of drugs.

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News in brief

CRIME An Anglican minister who pleaded guilty to sex charges involving a young girl, but saw the case thrown out because of delays, will be sentenced on the charges, Ontario’s highest court ruled.

FLOOD The subway stop at Union Station was briefly shut down Thursday morning by flooding after a water main burst. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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71-year-old charged with bigamy

A 71-year-old Toronto man has been charged with bigamy. Police allege Oliver Killeen is married to women in Ontario, Ireland and England, and that he has never obtained a legal divorce for any of his marriages. Toronto police Det. Erma Cora alleges Killeen is married to "numerous" women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ruling goes against Livent bosses

COURT Theatre impresarios Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gotlieb have lost their bid to quash a court-ordered payment of more than $36 million US to former investors in Livent Inc.

But there could be more legal wrangling in store before any money actually changes hands.

The Supreme Court of Canada, in a decision released Thursday, denied permission for the two men to appeal a lower-court judgment that went against them.

The dispute stems from a class-action lawsuit filed in New York by noteholders who lost their money when Livent went bankrupt in 1998. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

CRIME Police have released footage on YouTube of a man in connection with a break and enter. On Feb. 7, a man stole 10 handguns and two long rifles from a home on Wingarden Court, close to the Finch Avenue East and Neilson Road area. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

York U profs help track songbirds

In groundbreaking research, Canadian scientists have for the first time tracked the flight paths of migrating songbirds by fitting them with tiny geolocators carried in miniature backpacks.

"Never before has anyone been able to track songbirds for their entire migratory trip," said lead investigator Bridget Stutchbury, a professor of biology at York University.

"One aspect of the research is looking at this miracle of migration and how these little birds are able to make these long trips," Stutchbury said. "And these geolocators allow us for the first time to do a start-to-finish map."

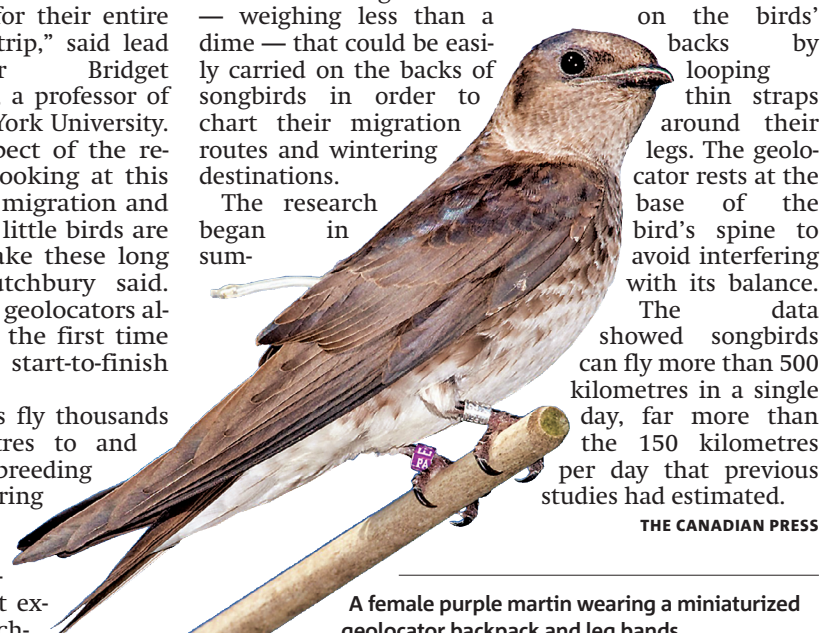
Songbirds fly thousands of kilometres to and from their breeding and wintering grounds during the annual migration. But existing technologies like radio-frequency or satellite-tracking weren't suitable for tracking birds small enough to fit in the palm of a hand.

Stutchbury's team worked with the British Antarctic Survey to design a miniaturized geolocator — weighing less than a dime — that could be easily carried on the backs of songbirds in order to chart their migration routes and wintering destinations.

The research began in summer 2007, when the team captured 14 wood thrushes and 20 purple martins at their breeding grounds in Pennsylvania, then strapped on the geolocators before the birds took wing for Central and South America.

The devices are mounted on the birds' backs by looping thin straps around their legs. The geolocator rests at the base of the bird's spine to avoid interfering with its balance.

The data showed songbirds can fly more than 500 kilometres in a single day, far more than the 150 kilometres per day that previous studies had estimated. THE CANADIAN PRESS



A female purple martin wearing a miniaturized geolocator backpack and leg bands.

Live kidney registry will help transplants

HEALTH A new registry that will make it easier to match live kidney donors with suitable recipients had its official launch yesterday, with two recent donors on hand to explain how the gift of one kidney can create a domino effect that saves several people with end-stage renal disease.

Canadian Blood Services unveiled the Living Donor Paired Exchange Registry at a news conference in Ottawa, calling it "a great achievement."

"When fully functional and up and running, it is anticipated that this registry will increase the likelihood of live kidney donation by somewhere in the order of 15 to 20 per cent in Canada," said Graham Sher, CEO of Canadian Blood Services. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Waiting lists

- About 3,000 people in Canada are on waiting lists for a kidney transplant. About 480 of the nearly 1,200 kidney transplants performed in Canada in 2007 came from live donors.

School pools under threat

Creative solutions — like private-sector partnerships or pay-as-you-go user fees for the public — should be considered to save 19 Toronto public school pools threatened with closing, says a trustee who has two of them in his ward.

The working group that has been charged by the Toronto District School Board with deciding what should be done with its 39 school pools now has a preliminary report that recommends 11 for closing and eight more that are "at risk."

Many school pools need expensive maintenance and repairs to stay open. The board can't afford to maintain them without outside aid. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Police charge second man in homicide

Police have charged 22-year-old Augusto Charley with the first-degree murder of Johnny Grewarges Youkhana. Police also issued a warrant for Ali Raza. On Jan. 11, police charged Anderson Nop with first-degree murder in connection with the homicide. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Don't rush to judge Olympian: Coach

Olympic coach Joan McDonald hopes people don't rush to judgment against Toronto archer John David (JD) Burnes, who was one of the men charged with possession of child pornography last week.

J.P. MOCZULSKI/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Olympic archer John David Burnes, seen here in this file photo with his mother, Mary Ann Badali, was charged with child pornography offences last week.

"He's not guilty of anything yet," McDonald said Thursday. "In Canada, you're innocent until you're proven guilty."

Burnes, a 20-year-old Toronto native and Queen's University student and the youngest member of Canada's archery team at the Beijing Olympics, was arrested in an Ontario-wide pornography sweep last week that resulted in 93 charges against 31 people. Burnes is charged with one count each of possession of child pornography and one count of making available child pornography. He is scheduled to appear in a Kingston court May 5.

McDonald said she knew few details of the allegations, and only learned of the arrest through the media.

"This is new information for us," she said. "It's an ongoing investigation. We don't have any information ... You guys (media) have more information than we do."

She told the Canadian Press that she considers the situation a tragedy, saying, "It's always a tragedy when young people are in trouble." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

I need personal space, McGuinty tells media

QUEEN'S PARK It's not you, it's me. That popular break-up refrain appeared to be Premier Dalton McGuinty's explanation Thursday as he defended his need for some "breathing space" — namely that reporters stand at least five feet away when posing questions.

In his first availability with the media since his office instituted the rule, McGuinty spoke of his "love" for the press gallery, called it "wonderful," but asked for "a little bit more breathing space."

The premier denied suggestions that he objected to probing questions about the recession, saying his motives were personal space. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Premier Dalton McGuinty talks to reporters in this file photo.

Ticketmaster hit with second suit

LEGAL Another class-action lawsuit is being filed against Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc., this time based on the fees it tacks onto the final ticket price.

The $250-million suit claims that Ticketmaster's terms of use state that it abides by Ontario law.

In a release, the firm behind the action says Ontario law precludes the selling of tickets for more than the price at which they were first issued.

Lawyer Jay Strosberg says the law in Ontario is very clear, and he's hopeful the court will enforce the legislation.

Consumers in every province and territory except Ontario can join the action. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ticket anger

- Jay Strosberg's law firm is behind the first $500-million lawsuit against Ticketmaster Canada, which alleges Ticketmaster broke Ontario's anti-scalping laws with its resale site TicketsNow. He says public interest prompted a second suit.

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Tory budget gets through second reading

Legislation to implement the Conservative government's budget plans has cleared a key hurdle in the Commons with Liberal support. The Budget Implementation Act has been given second reading, approval in principal. The vote was 211-84 with the Grits and Tories voting in favour and the NDP and the Bloc opposed. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Canada

Avalanche study brings up questions

A study of avalanche fatalities suggests the tumbling violence of being caught up in a snow slide is more lethal than believed. But one researcher thinks the increasing death rate due to trauma is a sign that early rescue efforts are saving avalanche victims from suffocating under the snow. The 21-year study of 204 avalanche deaths shows severe trauma was responsible for 24 per cent of the deaths in Western Canada, suffocation alone is blamed for 75 per cent of the deaths. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP says Tasers can kill

RCMP policy has acknowledged that Taser stun guns can kill — especially "acutely agitated" suspects — and will now restrict their use to cases involving threats to officers or public safety.

RCMP Commissioner William Elliott says the new rules clearly set out that Mounties can't zap suspects for simple resistance or refusing to co-operate.

Tasers "hurt like hell," he said yesterday of his own reaction to a trial firing. And their use must be justified as a necessary and reasonable use of force, he told MPs on the Commons public safety committee.

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RCMP Commissioner William Elliot appears at a Commons public safety committee hearing in Ottawa yesterday.

"The RCMP's revised (Taser) policy underscores that there are risks associated with the deployment of the device and emphasizes that those risks include the risk of death, particularly for agitated individuals."

Taser International Inc., the U.S.-based maker of the stun guns, has steadfastly defended the safety of its devices. It is appealing a ruling by a U.S. federal judge earlier this month ordering it to pay more than $1.4 million in fees to the lawyers for the family of a man who died in 2005. He had been Tasered dozens of times by police in Salinas, Calif.

In June, a jury awarded the man's family more than $5 million in damages after finding that Taser failed to warn police of the potential dangers of multiple shocks. The case marks the first time the company has been found negligent in a death related to the use of its stun guns.

On Parliament Hill, opposition Liberal and New Democrat MPs pressed Elliott to clarify how the national force defines a threat to public safety.

"I don't get comfort from that wording," said New Democrat Jack Harris. "The notion of public safety is a very broad one."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crown seeks tough sentence in terror case

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

An Ottawa man convicted of terrorism should be imprisoned for life, a Crown prosecutor said yesterday.

"There is no choice but to deal severely with Momin Khawaja and like-minded individuals," Crown David McKercher said. "It is highly questionable whether he should ever be released from prison.

"There is no indication of remorse whatsoever."

The Crown is recommending Khawaja receive two life sentences and an additional 44 years in prison. This means no chance of parole for at least 10 years.

On Oct. 29, the 29-year-old was found guilty of five of seven terrorism-related counts against him. He was the first person charged under Canada's post-9/11 anti-terrorism legislation.

News in brief

CLIMATE Regulations to cut the emissions of industrial polluters are on the shelf until Washington sets a new climate change course and Canada's economic woes subside, the federal environment minister says.

NORTH A team of British explorers is preparing to set off from northern Canada at the end of the month on an expedition to measure the Arctic ice.

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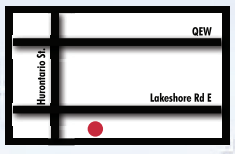

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Fontaine says international voices will pressure Canada on native issues

Canada's national chief says international pressure will help lift the country's First Nations out of poverty. Speaking in Winnipeg, Phil Fontaine said Canada has been facing some tough questions at the United Nations about the sorry state of many First Nation communities. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Air India lawyers blame Feds

Lawyers for the families of the 1985 Air India bombing victims say new evidence submitted to a public inquiry strengthens their belief that failures by Canadian police, intelligence and air transport officials contributed to the tragedy.

The documents, made public on Thursday, provide additional details of airline security and federal intelligence operations immediately before the terrorist attack that took 329 lives.

They suggest Transport Canada's monitoring of Air India was minimal, and that the airline's managers were themselves confused about security measures the day the ill-fated Flight 182 left Toronto.

The documents also highlight a bureaucratic "quagmire" that hindered efforts by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to monitor Sikh extremists in the months leading up to the bombing.

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Inquiry

- Federal lawyers contend it's not the job of the inquiry to assign blame to individuals or institutions for events that occurred over two decades ago.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper poses with Games mascots Quatchi, left, and Miga on Parliament Hill in Ottawa Thursday.

Canadians celebrate countdown to 2010

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

GAMES It was like the whole country turned into Vancouver for a day.

Canada kicked off the one-year countdown to the 2010 Games with parties across the country, as unusually warm, wet, winter weather melted away the snow in various cities.

Former Olympic heroes, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean took part in the celebration that will culminate 365 days from now in Canada hosting the Olympics.

"We hope that Canada's Games will capture the heart of our great nation as we come together, from coast to coast to coast, to cheer our athletes as they go for gold," Harper said in a statement.

In Toronto, hundreds braved rain and brisk winds to celebrate the countdown at Nathan Philips Square.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SENTENCE A seven-year sentence given to a man for firebombing two Montreal Jewish institutions is not long enough to act as any kind of legitimate deterrent, the Canadian Jewish Congress said on Thursday.

ENVIRONMENT Alberta has released a 20-year plan intended to give its oilsands developments a cleaner environmental image around the globe, but the strategy is light on specifics. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart, left, discusses identity theft Thursday as auditor general Sheila Fraser looks on.

Voters list ID theft target?

The federal voters list is a potential gold mine for identity thieves and is not adequately protected, the federal privacy commissioner reported Thursday.

Elections Canada recently began privacy training for the tens of thousands of temporary election workers with access to the list, but a significant gap remains: Political parties, which are exempt from federal privacy laws.

"We're concerned that voters' personal information could fall into the wrong hands and be used for illegal activities," privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart told a news conference.

A joint examination with auditor general Sheila Fraser of four large federal databanks found that identity information is generally handled well.

But there were some problems with storage and disposal of personal information at Passport Canada, and Stoddart found that a small percentage of voters lists vanished during recent federal elections and byelections.

Since last March, that voters list has included not only names and addresses, but also birthdates — key data for identity thieves.

> **"We're concerned that voters' personal information could fall into the wrong hands ..."**
> Privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart

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Climate change will reshape ocean life, new study warns

INQUIRY Climate change will cause a major redistribution of fish and other marine species around the world as they leave their native habitats in search of cooler waters in warming oceans, says a new study.

Daniel Pauly, a marine biologist at the University of British Columbia, said that could mean exotic species like the Mexican jumbo squid become mainstays in Canadian waters, while other native stocks head north.

"We will be invaded by some species that were before in Mexico and California," Pauly, who co-wrote the report.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

CRIME Outlaw bikers and street gangs were the targets Thursday as about 700 police officers staged a sweeping operation aimed at busting cocaine-trafficking networks in Montreal and Ottawa. Police had arrested 40 people as a result of Operation Axe, an investigation that began in January 2006.

CLOSED With a final whiff of steam, the AbitibiBowater mill produced its final roll of newsprint Thursday, ending a century of papermaking in central Newfoundland and leaving 800 workers with uncertain futures.

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Soviet-era tanks stolen for scrap
Polish police say thieves stole, possibly for scrap, four Soviet-era tanks, each weighing 18 tonnes, that were being used for target practice at an army test range. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

NATO clears attacks on Afghan drug lords

NATO has ironed out its legal concerns and formally issued orders to treat Afghan drug lords who fuel the violent Taliban insurgency as legitimate military targets.

Bombing narcotics shipments, arresting drug barons and blowing up opium processing labs with a verifiable link to militants is now a key priority — one that senior commanders and political leaders are confident will not violate international law.

The formal issuing of the order clears the way for stepped-up operations to begin "within days," said senior military officials.

While Canada supports the policy at the political level, it is unlikely that soldiers in the Kandahar battle group will be undertaking specific, independent operations aimed at the murky world of Afghan drug lords.

Testifying before a Commons committee this week in Ottawa, Defence Minister Peter MacKay stood behind the policy of turning the guns on Taliban drug lords as a "legitimate exercise" for Canadian soldiers.

But he cautioned it has "not been identified as a priority for our country."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Choice

- NATO officials said Thursday that countries will have the choice whether their soldiers take part in attacks on drug lords. Many of the 41 countries fighting in Afghanistan have imposed caveats on how their forces are used.

Zurich **Police probe alleged skinhead assault**

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Paula Oliveira, 26, of Brazil, is seen in this undated photo, left. Zurich police on Thursday were investigating an alleged skinhead assault on Oliveira that caused her to miscarry twins and left her scarred with the initials of Switzerland's main right-wing party, pictured above.

Israel's moderates hold 1-seat lead

ELECTION Final results in Israel's election show the moderate Kadima party has one more seat in the new parliament than Benjamin Netanyahu's hawkish Likud. Kadima won 28 and Likud 27 in the 120-seat parliament.

But the parliament has a majority among hard-line parties.

Meanwhile, Egypt's official news agency says officials from Hamas are talking with an Egyptian mediator about a long-term truce deal with Israel over the Gaza Strip.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Staking claim to Arctic top priority for Russia

RESOURCES Russia will modernize its icebreaker fleet and station more researchers in the Arctic as part of its push to stake its claim to the vast resources of the disputed polar region, a presidential envoy said Thursday.

Artur Chilingarov, a famed polar scientist who was recently appointed to the post, said Russia would build a new Arctic research ship to supplement the Akademik Fyodorov, which conducted a 2007 expedition in which Russian mini-submarines put a capsule with Russian flag on the Arctic seabed.

Canada, Russia, the United States and other northern countries are trying to assert jurisdiction over the Arctic, whose oil, gas and minerals until recently have been considered too difficult to recover. The dispute has intensified with growing evidence that global warming is shrinking polar ice, opening up new shipping lanes and resource development possibilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Skier killed by avalanche in Turkey

A Turkish official says a French skier on a helicopter expedition was killed by an avalanche near the country's Black Sea coast. Mayor Mehmet Nuri Alibeyoglu says the skier was among a group of six in the mountains in northeastern Turkey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'A crime against God'

Pope Benedict told Jewish leaders Thursday it's unacceptable for anyone to deny the Holocaust, a message aimed at easing widespread rancour over a bishop's claim that the Nazis did not kill six million Jews.

The Pope met with about 60 American Jewish leaders Thursday and assured them the Catholic Church was "profoundly and irrevocably committed to reject all anti-Semitism."

The furor blew up after Benedict lifted the excommunication of a traditionalist bishop who denied the Holocaust.

The Vatican said Benedict did not know about the views of Bishop Richard Williamson when he agreed to lift the excommunication.

"The hatred and contempt for men, women and children that was manifested in the Shoah was a crime against God and against humanity," Benedict told the visiting leaders, using the Hebrew term for the Holocaust.

"This should be clear to everyone, especially to those standing in the tradition of the Holy Scriptures."

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Trip to Israel

- The Vatican said that the Pope's visit to Israel — the second official visit there by a pope — would take place in May.

Birthday **Frank 'helper' nears 100**

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Miep Gies displays a copy of her book Anne Frank Remembered in 1998. Gies, who celebrates her 100th birthday Sunday, is the last surviving "helper," Frank's name for those who brought her family food, books and good cheer while they hid for two years from the Nazis in a tiny attic apartment in Amsterdam.

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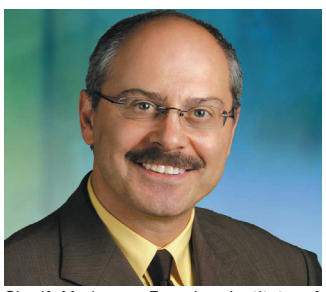

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Australian police detain two men

WILDFIRES Australian police detained two suspects Thursday in connection with the country's worst-ever wildfires, as the government pledged to push through a national fire alert system after thousands were caught off-guard by the infernos.

The two men were taken in after they were reported acting suspiciously in an area burned out by last weekend's fires, but it was unclear if the two are suspected of setting blazes or of some other later wrongdoing.

Authorities say some of the fires that ravaged Victoria state last weekend and killed at least 181 people were the result of arson.

Officials said the death toll could exceed 200.

Detectives responding to a tip found the men near Yea, which is about 20 kilometres north of Marysville, a town utterly wrecked by a blaze Saturday and where officials say up to 100 people were killed.

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Prince Harry to get 'equality' training

ROYALS British media are reporting that Prince Harry is being sent on an "equality and diversity" course after making racist remarks.

Prince Harry

The BBC and the Daily Mirror say the 24-year-old prince will attend a course designed to press home how offensive racist language is.

Last month, a newspaper released video of the prince using racial epithets about two fellow soldiers in 2006.

The prince's office says Harry is sorry and was dealt with according to normal army disciplinary procedures.

The army said Harry had received "a dressing down" from his commanding officer.

Harry is a lieutenant in the Household Cavalry regiment and is training to be a helicopter pilot.

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News in brief

BAILOUT The head of the U.S. House Financial Services Committee says the Obama administration can be more trusted than the Bush administration to make certain there are no abuses in the disbursement of bank bailout funds.

PILGRIMS Iraq's Interior Ministry spokesman says a bomb attack killed five Shiite pilgrims and injured 50 others near the shrine of Imam Hussein in the Shiite holy city of Karbala. The attack occurred early Friday.

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Mumbai attack partly planned in Pakistan: Official
Pakistan's top civilian security official says the Mumbai attacks were partly planned in Pakistan and that several suspects are being held. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Space debris poses risk

The collision between U.S. and Russian communication satellites this week — the first such crash in space — has created speeding clouds of debris that threaten other unmanned spacecraft in nearby orbits, Russian officials and experts said on Thursday.

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Scientists are keeping a close eye on orbital debris created when two communications satellites smashed into each other Tuesday. The debris field shown in this image is an artist's impression of catalogued objects in low-Earth orbit viewed over the Equator.

The smashup 800 kilometres over Siberia on Tuesday involved a derelict Russian spacecraft designed for military communications and a working U.S. Iridium satellite, which serves commercial customers as well as the U.S. Department of Defence.

The collision scattered space debris in orbits 500 to 1,300 kilometres above Earth, according to Maj.-Gen. Alexander Yakushin, chief of staff for the Russian military's space forces.

Igor Lisov, a prominent Russian space expert, said he did not understand why NASA's debris experts and Iridium had failed to prevent the collision, since the Iridium satellite was active and its orbit could be adjusted.

In a statement yesterday, Iridium, based in Bethesda, Md., denied that it was responsible for the crash.

Lisov said the debris may threaten a large number of Earth-tracking and weather satellites in similar orbits.

NASA said it would take weeks to know the full magnitude of the crash, but both NASA and Russia's Roscosmos agencies said there was little risk to the international space station and its three crew members.

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Vaccines not to blame for autism: U.S. court

RULING In a big blow to parents who believe vaccines caused their children's autism, a special U.S. court ruled yesterday that the shots are not to blame.

The court said the evidence was overwhelmingly contrary to the parents' claims — and backed years of science that found no risk.

"It was abundantly clear that petitioners' theories of causation were speculative and unpersuasive," the court concluded in one of a trio of cases ruled on Thursday.

"It was abundantly clear that petitioners' theories of causation were speculative and unpersuasive."
U.S. Court of Claims

The ruling was anxiously awaited by health authorities and families who began presenting evidence in June 2007.

More than 5,500 claims have been filed by families seeking compensation through the U.S. government's Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. The claims are reviewed by special masters serving on the U.S. Court of Claims.

"Hopefully, the determination by the special masters will help reassure parents that vaccines do not cause autism," the Department of Health and Human Services said in a statement.

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Municipal Dutch porn archive goes missing

MYSTERY The municipal pornography archive in the Dutch city of Leeuwarden has disappeared and officials fear it may be gone for good.

Nobody has yet declared the photos, drawings and erotic texts with a connection to the city, located about 140 kilometres north of Amsterdam, as stolen.

Erik Krikke of the city's historical centre says the items may have been taken home "accidentally" by an employee or visitor.

Coveted Playboy

- The collection included a copy of the rare February 1998 edition of Dutch Playboy. It featured women from each of 11 Dutch cities along the route of the country's most beloved ice skating race, the Elfstedentocht.

He says anyone who realizes they have the material can bring it back, as he puts it, "no questions asked."

Krikke said the bulk of the archive was assembled by a "fanatic" curator at the historical centre, mostly during the 1960s and '70s.

He says items such as pictures by local photographers and artists would be difficult or impossible to replace.

Asked whether he thought it was unusual for the town to have a pornography collection, Krikke said "yes" — and that made the loss even greater.

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News in brief

CHINA Sanlu Group Co., the Chinese dairy at the centre of a deadly tainted milk scandal that sickened hundreds of thousands of children and was blamed for killing six, was declared bankrupt Thursday, state television and the official Xinhua news agency reported.

BRITAIN While more than 600 events took place worldwide Thursday to commemorate the 200th anniversary of scientist Charles Darwin's birth, it was a particularly special occasion in his native land, Britain, where people held parties and lectures and trotted out a set of stamps in his honour.

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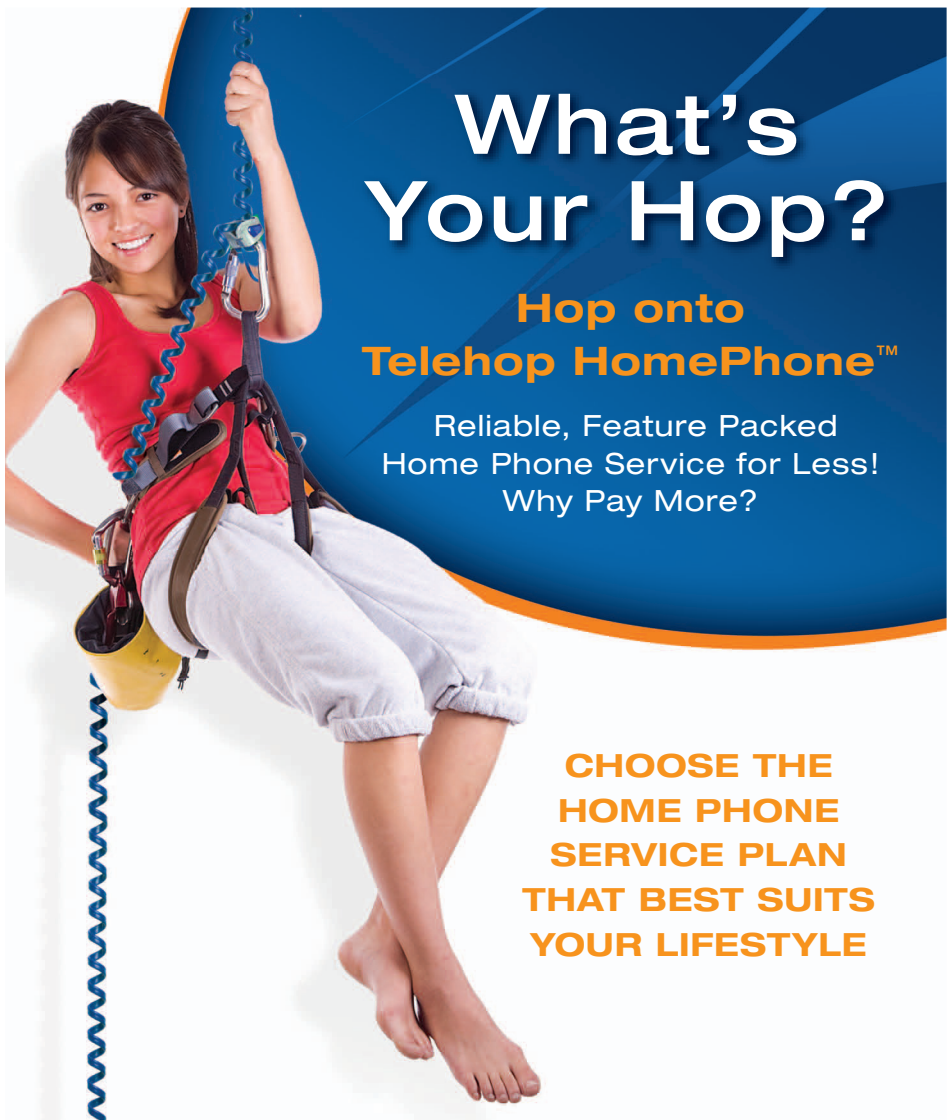

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Erica Johnson

In these hard economic times, who wouldn't like to win $500,000? Heck, I'd like to win half a million no matter what the economy is doing!

And that's exactly what Russell Quantz hoped would happen when he entered one of the biggest contests in Canada, the Reader's Digest Sweepstakes.

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Now, you don't have to buy the products to play the sweepstakes, but we've learned their marketing tactics have left a lot of Canadians confused.

Like Russell Quantz of Claresholm, Alta. He thought the more products he ordered, the better his chances of winning the sweepstakes.

The trouble is, Quantz spent almost $7,000 chasing that dream — a bill with Reader's Digest so big, he couldn't pay it. And we've heard from many people saying they feel misled by the company's marketing.

More tips to protect yourself and family from spending money on sweepstakes at metronews.ca/johnson

A crackdown south of the border forced Reader's Digest U.S. to change its marketing tactics. Now, in the U.S., every letter from Reader's Digest has to include a separate piece of paper spelling out in BIG print that people don't have to buy products to play the sweepstakes. And Reader's Digest has to write any customer who spends more than $1,000 in a six-month period — and tell them they don't have to buy products.

But in Canada, it's business as usual. Reader's Digest Canada declined an interview request and instead sent us a letter. Its main point — its rules are perfectly clear. By the way, those rules are typed in fine print so small you practically need a magnifying glass to read it.

It's all made Quantz doubt the Reader's Digest motto: Canada's "Most Read, Most Trusted" magazine.

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Views

Key decisions lack female perspective

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Toronto is, in many ways, a good place for women. It's relatively safe. We can earn a living. And like all big cities, it offers anonymity or a sense of community, depending on your preference.

But there are also signs that women's needs are discounted when it comes to making key decisions. York University Prof. Gerda Wekerle is more blunt: "Women," she said recently, "have disappeared in terms of the way we've been talking about cities and the kinds of solutions to urban problems that we're coming up with."

The problem is most obvious in governments' responses to the ailing economy. Wekerle, an expert on gender and cities, observes that the publicly-funded infrastructure investments and bailouts announced so far mainly address job losses in male-dominated sectors such as construction, manufacturing and finance. At the same time, government cutbacks put health-care and child-care jobs in jeopardy. Women's jobs, in other words.

Is it a coincidence that there's enough money for an auto sector bailout with its mostly male workforce, but not enough to continue funding thousands of subsidized child-care spaces that women, many of them single mothers, need in order to work? Or that city development fees for companies — most of them run by men — have been frozen, but mothers must dig deeper in the family budget to pay a 3.7 per cent increase in recreation program costs?

Assessing women's needs might also change how we think about new transit investments.

"The whole push to build an extension to the Yonge subway may not help as many women workers as male workers," Wekerle says. That's because researchers know women make multiple stops on their work commute, ferrying their children around. This suggests women would benefit from a web of local transit improvements rather than a new subway line that whisks them from home to work — or to the airport and back — with few stops in between.

Who decided this is the way it should be?

Not, I suspect, the people who are most affected.

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Domtar lays off 55 employees
Domtar has announced indefinite layoffs at its sawmill in Ear Falls, Ont., with the mill moving from two shifts to one starting Monday. Fifty-five of the mill's 131 employees will be impacted, as will 58 contract employees in harvesting and hauling operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TVs Pioneer

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Pioneer Corp. President Susumu Kotani takes questions from reporters in Tokyo Thursday after the Japanese electronics company announced it will cut 10,000 jobs globally to cope with sinking sales of car audio equipment and flat-screen TVs. It will also withdraw from its money-losing plasma display business.

Insurers' woes grow

Stock market troubles swamp bottom lines

A billion-dollar writedown here, $3 billion there, and before long Canada's biggest insurance companies reported big losses Thursday, battered by the slumping North American stock market and economy as well as the Wall Street financial crunch.

Manulife Financial, Great-West Lifeco and Sun Life Financial all insisted that their insurance operations are robust and their overall financial positions are solid. But the catastrophe on global stock markets caused massive setbacks for the three largest insurers.

Toronto-based Manulife lost $1.87 billion in the fourth quarter, its first loss since becoming a publicly traded company in 1999.

At No. 2 Great-West, the fourth-quarter loss was $907 million.

Toronto-based Sun Life Financial reported a fourth-quarter profit of $129 million, down 77 per cent from a year earlier — but it would have lost $696 million except for an $825-million gain on the sale of its 37 per cent interest in CI Financial to Scotiabank.

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Biovail's Crombie ordered to pay $300,000

SETTLEMENT Biovail Corp.'s former chief financial officer Brian Crombie must pay $300,000 in costs and is banned for eight years from serving as an officer or director of a public company, according to a settlement Thursday with the Ontario Securities Commission.

The agreement says Crombie has to pay an administrative penalty of $250,000 for the benefit of third parties designated by the commission. He is also instructed to pay $50,000 for a portion of the costs of the investigation that led to the settlement.

Crombie is one of four individuals prosecuted by the OSC for events that occurred several years ago. He was CFO of the drug company from May 2000 to August 2004 and left the company in 2006.

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In brief

RETAIL Canadian Tire Corp., Canada's largest hard goods retailer, says its net profit in the fourth quarter fell nearly 23 per cent to $101.2 million, but sales increased as severe winter weather drove customers to its stores for snow shovels, ice salt, industrial clothing and other goods.

RECESSION-PROOF Drug store operator Shoppers Drug Mart Corp. reported Thursday a fourth-quarter profit of $173 million, up 14.4 per cent from a year earlier as sales revenue increased strongly. Retail analyst John Winter said Shoppers has the luxury of selling a variety of items that are virtually recession-proof, including drugs and necessities like toothpaste and shampoo.

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Cineplex benefits from tough times

CINEMA It seems Canadians are turning to the silver screen in their search for a silver lining.

Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund, Canada's leading movie-house operator, posted blockbuster profits Thursday as recession-weary consumers flooded cinema turnstiles in the last three months of 2008.

A lineup of marquee titles during the holiday season lifted the chain to a $7.1-million profit, up from a $2.8-million loss in the same period last year.

That helped Cineplex Galaxy post an annual profit of $34.6 million — a 30.6 per cent increase over last year.

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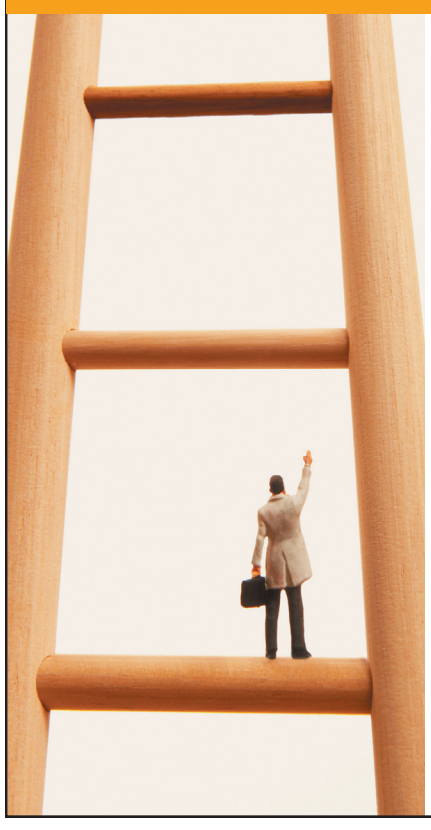

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Plekanec suspended two games

The NHL suspended Montreal Canadiens forward Tomas Plekanec two games yesterday for taking down Edmonton Oilers defenceman Denis Grebeshkov from behind on Wednesday night. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

"This is a very private, personal matter ... I am in very good health ... as for the lawsuit, it is filled with lies"

Roberto Alomar responded late Wednesday to allegations in a suit filed in New York that he insisted on unprotected sex with an ex-girlfriend despite her claims he has full-blown AIDS.

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Early storm too much

NHL RESULT

Maple Leafs 4 Lightning 6

Steven Stamkos and Vincent Lecavalier scored third-period goals, and the Tampa Bay Lightning held off the Toronto Maple Leafs 6-4 on Thursday night.

Ryan Malone scored twice a 54-second span in the first period, and Mark Recchi and Martin St. Louis also scored in the period to help Tampa Bay take a 4-1 lead.

Stamkos, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft last summer, scored on a power play to give Tampa Bay a 5-3 lead at 6:01 of the third. Lecavalier added his team-high 25th goal with 6:32 left. The Lightning scored four times in a 4:13 span of the first.

Lee Stempniak scored twice for Toronto, while Niklas Hagman and Nikolai Kulemin added singles.

Toronto goalie Vesa Toskala was pulled after giving up four goals on 12 shots. He was replaced by Curtis Joseph, seeing action in just his 12th game of the season.

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Vesa Toskala is replaced by Curtis Joseph after giving up four first-period goals Thursday night in Tampa.

Colangelo working for the weekend

Bryan Colangelo arrived in his old stomping grounds a marked man, someone who will be very popular with his fellow NBA general managers during the all-star weekend in Phoenix.

The Raptors president has made no secret of the fact he's dissatisfied with some aspects of his team's play and, with the NBA trade deadline less than a week away, the normal chatter he has with rival general managers will take on a far more serious tone.

Colangelo will most likely seek out whoever is in Phoenix representing the Miami Heat to discuss the still-alive talks involving Jermaine O'Neal and Shawn Marion. Despite O'Neal's strong play — defensively, in particular — the Raptors are still seeking the financial relief (Marion's roughly $17-million salary comes off the books) the deal would bring and the under-sized Heat can use a player of O'Neal's calibre.

The two teams have traded medical records on the key players involved (not an uncommon occurrence in significant trade talks) and there have been unconfirmed reports O'Neal has been examined in person by members of Miami's medical staff.

The possibility of an O'Neal trade seems to be the only serious one the Raptors are investigating, although things tend to heat up over the all-star weekend and on the final three days before the deadline.

It's not as if Colangelo is dealing from strength in any other discussions that are sure to come up.

He's been adamant that he's not entertaining offers for Chris Bosh, who he keeps referring to as the "cornerstone" of the franchise and it's a virtual certainty that he won't be talking about Jose Calderon and Andrea Bargnani.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Many believe Jermaine O'Neal will not be a Raptor this time next week.

All-Star weekend

Dunk contest/Saturday

- Rudy Fernandez, Blazers
- Dwight Howard, Magic
- Nate Robinson, Knicks
- J.R. Smith, Nuggets

3-Point shootout/Saturday

- Jason Kapono, Raptors
- Danny Granger, Pacers
- Rashard Lewis, Magic
- Mike Bibby, Hawks
- Roger Mason, Spurs
- Daequan Cook, Heat

NBA All-Star Game/Sunday

- East vs. West, 8 p.m., TSN

Judge throws out most of Clemens' defamation suit against McNamee
A U.S. federal judge dismissed most of Roger Clemens' defamation lawsuit against his former trainer Brian McNamee Thursday, saying statements made in the Mitchell Report on doping in baseball are protected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Everyone's a contender in the spring

Maybe this is the year things actually play out differently for the Blue Jays.

Maybe now that expectations are low and the outlook is seemingly bleak, they can actually find a way to break through in the ultra-competitive American League East.

Such is the hope spring training brings to baseball fans, the imminent change in seasons and looming promise of summer dulling the hard realities of winter until the games start to count.

If there's ever a time to dream, this is it.

The slow awakening to cold hard facts begins Saturday, when the Blue Jays open camp in Dunedin, Fla., after not signing a single major-league free agent to bolster a team that finished fourth in the American League East at 86-76.

The departure of 18-game winner A.J. Burnett and injuries to fellow starters Dustin McGowan (back in May at the earliest) and Shaun Marcum (out all year) left massive holes in the starting rotation, while an all-too-often dismal offence is coming back virtually intact.

External help may come from a slew of minor-league free agent signings, a mishmash of reclamation projects and veterans on their last legs, while internal help from ready-or-not prospects and self-improvement is also being counted on to fill the gaps.

Spring training

- Pitchers and catchers report to Jays camp in Dunedin, Fla., Saturday.

So unlike recent camps, that leaves the Blue Jays with plenty of questions to answer before Detroit arrives in Toronto on April 6 for opening day, and realistically makes the thought of playoff contention seem like fantasy.

"I don't think we should go in with any preconceived notion of what we're going to be," general manager J.P. Ricciardi said this week.

"We've got to figure out what our starting rotation will be outside of Doc (Roy Halladay) and (Jesse) Litsch, and how it falls into place. Our bullpen is in good shape and outside of that, we have to figure out how we best fill out our bench."

The core of last year's team returns led by Halladay, centre-fielder Vernon Wells, right-fielder Alex Rios, second baseman Aaron Hill (apparently ready to go after missing most of 2008 with a concussion) and closer B.J. Ryan.

Roy Halladay leads a staff decimated by injury and departure.

But a pitching staff that was baseball's best will have trouble repeating without Burnett, Marcum and, temporarily at least, McGowan.

In the mix for the final three rotation sports are: Minor-league free agents Matt Clement and Mike Maroth; Japanese veteran Ken Takahashi; lefty David Purcey, who was 3-6 with a 5.54 ERA in 12 starts last season; prospects Brett Cecil, Ricky Romero and Brad Mills; and Scott Richmond of North Vancouver, who went 1-3 with a 4.00 ERA in five starts last year.

The notion of stretching out left-handed reliever Brian Tallet is also being kicked around, setting the stage for what should be some fierce competition.

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Arrests made in Phelps' bong-gate

NEWS Authorities in the South Carolina county where Michael Phelps was photographed smoking from a marijuana pipe have been arresting people as they seek to make a case against the swimmer, lawyers for two arrested people said. The lawyers said the two clients were renters at the house where the party took place.

Phelps

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Disappointment for jumpers on one-year countdown

Any decision to include women's ski jumping in the Winter Games rests with the International Olympic Committee, the federal minister of state for sport said Thursday.

Gary Lunn said he has not raised the issue of adding women's ski jumping to the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver with either the IOC or its president Jacques Rogge.

Lunn's comment's seem to reverse the stance of Helena Guergis, the former minister of state for sport, and come as a disappointment for women ski jumpers on the anniversary of the one-year countdown to the 2010 Games.

"VANOC has no more say if this becomes an event in the Olympics than I do."
Gary Lunn, minister of state for sport

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

A group of former and current women ski jumpers from Europe, the U.S. and Canada will go to court April 20 to argue that preventing them from competing at the 2010 Games violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The group is suing the Vancouver Olympic Games Organizing Committee, known locally as VANOC. The IOC and federal government are not named in the lawsuit.

Lunn suggested the group was wrong to target VANOC.

"VANOC has no more say if this becomes an event in the Olympics than I do," he said. "It's a decision of the IOC."

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2009 Auto Show

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Hyundai, Ford top choices

AJAC members pick best cars of year at Toronto auto show

MARK ATKINSON
for Metro Canada

The 2009 Hyundai Genesis continued its winning streak by bagging the Canadian Car of the Year award on media day at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. The event opens to public today.

The Automobile Journalists Association of Canada (AJAC) revealed its top vehicle choices for 2009 to kick off the Canadian International Auto Show media preview Wednesday, leaving manufacturers Ford, Honda, Hyundai and Mitsubishi crowned as winners.

Shortly after winning the North American Car of the Year award at the Detroit Auto Show in January, the 2009 Hyundai Genesis luxury sedan was also named the Canadian Car of the Year, the first time for a Korean automaker.

"This award is testimony to the fact that Hyundai produces award-winning vehicles at all levels of the market," said Steve Kelleher, president and CEO, Hyundai Auto Canada Corp.

"Canadians can now buy a high-quality, luxurious vehicle with every feature they could want at an affordable price. And in today's economic environment, that is smart."

The stylish and versatile 2009 Ford Flex, which is assembled in Oakville, won the Canadian Utility Vehicle of the Year.

"There's nothing else quite like Flex on the road today and we are thrilled that top auto journalists from across the country have recognized the Canadian-built Flex for its quality, safety and distinct design," said David Mondragon, president and CEO, Ford Motor Company of Canada Limited.

In the Best New Design category, the fun-to-drive 2009 Honda Fit beat out its competitors thanks to its combination of form and function.

"We built the Fit to meet the needs of our customers, and their response has been overwhelmingly positive," said Jerry Chenkin, Executive Vice President of Honda Canada Inc.

"The Fit combines a sleek, aerodynamic design for enhanced fuel efficiency with a roomy interior for excellent passenger and cargo space, proving that great style and value are not mutually exclusive attributes."

Finally, Mitsubishi's Super-All-Wheel Control all-wheel drive system fitted to the Lancer Evolution was declared the Best New Technology.

Koji Soga, president and CEO, Mitsubishi Motors Sales of Canada Inc., commented, "Mitsubishi is a company driven to practical engineering solutions. And the Super All Wheel Control system used on the Lancer Evolution is a perfect example.

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In yet another example of the sweeping changes to Kia's product line up, Kia Canada unveiled the all-new Forte sedan Wednesday at the 2009 Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto.

The latest expression of Kia's new design and look, the Forte sedan will replace the current Spectra when it arrives in Canadian dealerships in April .

Developed at Kia's new design centre in Irvine, Calif., the design team led by Peter Schreyer has given the new Forte a strong presence, creating a look and feel that is distinct and advances Kia's new design language.

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Kia Canada introduced the all-new Forte at the Toronto auto show Wednesday.

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Auto show guide

- **WHAT:** 2009 Canadian International Auto Show.
- **WHEN:** Today to Sunday, Feb. 22.
- **HOURS:** Daily from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Final show from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Metro Toronto Convention Centre and Rogers Centre.
- **TICKETS:** $20 for adults, $7 for children aged 7-12, children 6 and under free. Multi-day pass $20. Family Pass $40 (2 adults, 2 children 12 and under).
- **CLOSEST SUBWAY:** Union Station, then Skywalk west toward Rogers Centre.
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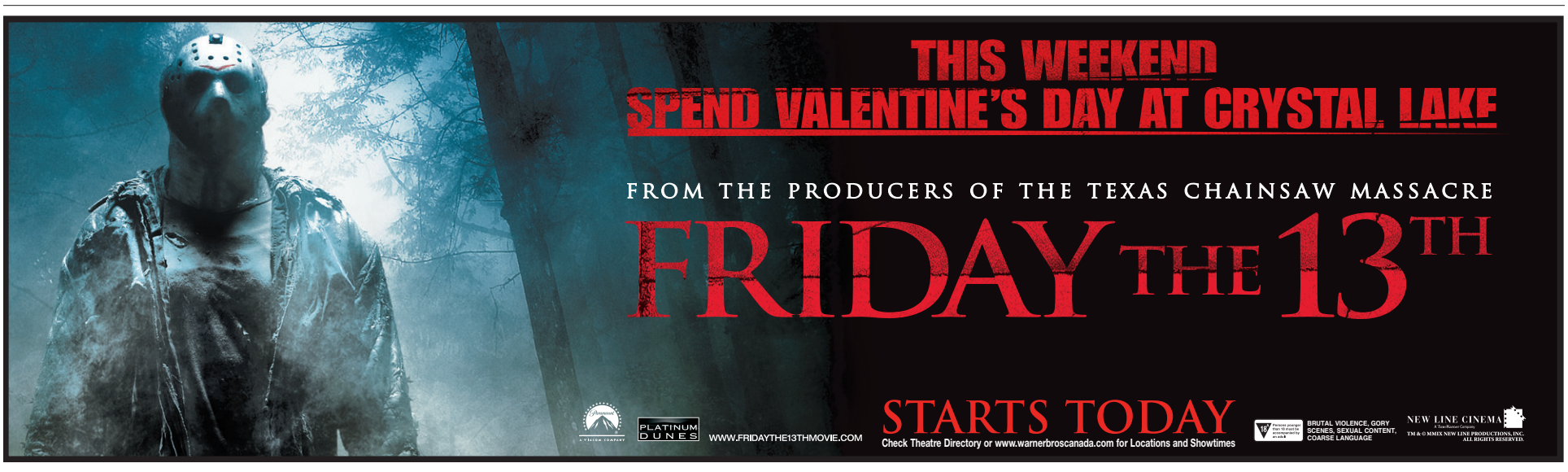

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Shopaholic deserves credit

Confessions of a Shopaholic

Director: P.J. Hogan
Stars: Isla Fisher, Hugh Dancy
Classification: PG
Rating:

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Confessions of a Shopaholic doesn't disappoint as a fluffy chick flick with a bit of a message that may be perfectly in time with the global recession.

But leave your credit cards at home when you go see it. It takes some willpower to avoid the temptation to shop after being inundated with fashion eye candy for just under two hours.

True to Sophie Kinsella's book of the same name, Shopaholic's main character Rebecca Bloomwood (Isla Fisher) is a hardcore shopping addict who's racked up over $9,000 in credit card debt.

Isla Fisher, centre, stars as shopping addict Rebecca Bloomwood in Confessions of a Shopaholic.

Still, she continues to spend, summoned into shops by store mannequins that come to life as she walks down the streets of Manhattan and spends her every waking moment avoiding the annoyingly dorky collections' agency guy on her trail.

It's a fun interpretation of the first in the best-selling Shopaholic series and lives up to Jerry Bruckheimer quality with plenty of laughs and a sweet — however predictable — romance between Fisher and hot up-and-coming Brit Hugh Dancy.

Fisher is well-chosen for the part as the charismatic and vivacious, but at times goofy and awkward, Rebecca who seems ignorant of her own beauty and talent as a journalist.

Coveting a job at the prestigious Alette fashion magazine, she inadvertently and ironically lands a staff writing position at a sister magazine about personal finance and savings.

While writing up a storm about how to scrimp and be spendthrift, Rebecca continues to rack up her accounts, shopping just for shopping's sake.

It all comes to a head when best friend and roommate Suze (Krysten Ritter) finally calls her a hypocrite and Rebecca agrees to get help.

The best part of the film is a dancing scene with her leading man where Fisher goes full-tilt on the goofy train, a segment which Dancy says was completely improvised.

On the web

- For a trailer and screen times for Confessions of a Shopaholic, visit metronews/movies.

Plot grounds International

The International

Director: Tom Tykwer
Stars: Clive Owen, Naomi Watts
Classification: 14A
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW There should be no doubt that The International is a big movie. It's practically the only revealing aspect one might reason from its vague, inconclusive title.

Indeed, filmed in four countries across two continents, The International may be a global thriller, but it may also be too sprawling for its own good.

Interpol agent Louis Salinger (Clive Owen) has dedicated his career to taking down a powerful international bank that has been secretly dealing in financing terrorism around the world. After an associate is mysteriously killed, he seeks support from a Manhattan District Attorney (Naomi Watts) and sets out to chase down the cold-blooded corporate culprits from Berlin to Milan to New York and Istanbul.

Unfortunately, as fascinating as these locales are — and director Tom Tykwer (Run Lola Run) does make them look fantastic — this worldwide chase becomes plodding and tiresome early on by an eagerness to establish expanse (we all get it, it's a big bank).

In fact, it isn't until Salinger finds himself in a well-choreographed shootout in Manhattan's Guggenheim that The International becomes the taut, suspenseful homage to '70s thrillers like The French Connection that it aspires to be. In this scene, Tykwer exceeds at creating an intensely thrilling sequence that will surely end up The International's lone lasting impression.

Playing an all-but-defeated obsessive, Owen looks authentically exhausted. He appears as disheveled and worn as his world-weary character but then, that might've been more because of the actor's exaggerated travel schedule.

In the end, it's the superfluous, tedious story that bogs down The International and makes its audience feel jet-lagged — as if they were the ones dragged across four countries and two continents.

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Clive Owen star in the thriller The International.

No scares in this Friday

Friday the 13th

Director: Marcus Nispel
Stars: Jared Padalecki
Classification: R
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When director Gus Van Sant remade Psycho back in 1998, it was slayed by critics. Although trying to recreate the Hitchcock classic shot-for-shot was a daft experiment, it was doomed to fail. You cannot recapture lightning in a bottle twice. Why even try?

Friday the 13th is one so-called classic in which that strategy may have actually helped. After all, the original 1980 version was a low-budget, low-brow horror flick that looks horrific by today's standards. A revamped shot-by-shot remake from a talented director might actually give the gore-fest some gas.

Instead, director Marcus Nispel "re-imagines" Friday the 13th and its classic killer Jason Voorhees by form-fitting it into a common model. Sure, he gives the franchise a much-needed steroid boost but by turning the film's awareness in on itself, he loses the authenticity of the horror.

There's no mistaking Friday's intentions — this is definitely for Jason Voorhees fans. Not only does it overplay the thirteen killings (very clever!) that occur over the film's 97 minutes, but they're ultimately underwhelming. breasts. In fact, with very little suspense to speak of, Friday the 13th isn't scary at all … unless of course, you're a film critic.

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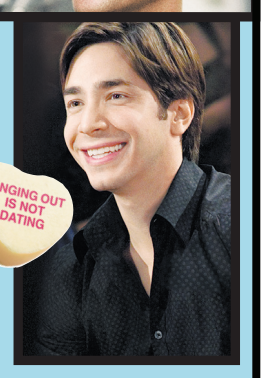

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A revolutionary tale

Soderbergh's epic Che window to Guevara's life

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

One of the most divisive movies to play the festival circuit last year was Steven Soderbergh's 4.5-hour biopic of T-shirt icon Che Guevara starring Benicio Del Toro.

The massive film was impossible to ignore, but some felt the butt-numbing length too much to take and were unable to appreciate the subtle character examination that the film provides. However, the filmmakers themselves are unapologetic for Che's length, saying it's what this epic story demanded.

"My attitude at the end of the day is that some books are 180 pages and some books are 650 pages. Every once in a while if you're going to do any sort of detail you just have to do it this long," Soderbergh told the press at the Toronto International Film Festival.

The project was in development for years with all the major players attached. It was a difficult undertaking, but one that the director and star found impossible to resist, even if they weren't particularly familiar with the subject matter.

"I knew a little about Che. Not much, but thought it could be an interesting story with many dimensions," said Del Toro, with Soderbergh quickly adding: "I felt obligated to make it and that's different than wanting to make it.

"I had a feeling even at the beginning that it was going to be difficult. But I felt like when these sort of opportunities present themselves, if you say 'No' then I don't know what you're doing making films."

However, Soderbergh and Del Toro's lack of familiarity turned out to be a virtue, as discovering who Che was and why he is so important became the subject of the film.

Benicio Del Toro plays the controversial icon in Che.

"I felt obligated to make (Che) and that's different than wanting to make it."
Steven Soderbergh

According to the director, "The bottom line is that we wanted to know, like a lot of people 'Why?' Why is this iconic image still plastered on everything from tote bags to coffee mugs to beer bottles? Why 40 years after this guy's death is this image still resonating, even when people don't know what it represents? It was an opportunity for us to understand as much as anything."

The film probes the motivations and actions that made Guevara famous, but never sentimentalizes or aggrandizes the controversial figure. The film, which is now in two parts, simply isolates his triumphant revolution in Cuba along with his failed revolution in Bolivia to show how easily the techniques and ideals that served him so well could fail without the right circumstances. It's a complicated portrayal that provides no easy answers, but then there was no better way to tell such a difficult tale.

As Del Toro put it, "I like to quote what Steven said to me when we started. I was like a deer in the headlights and he said, 'It's impossible to play him or to do this film. But we can try.'"

• Both parts of Che begin screening in Toronto next Friday.

Sea 3-D awash in stunning images

Under the Sea 3-D

Director: Howard Hall
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A scene from IMAX film Under the Sea 3-D.

REVIEW Visually stunning from the first frame to the last and laced with plenty of information that will subtly educate the stunned and awed audience, Under the Sea 3-D is one of the most impressive examples of the IMAX 3-D format to date.

The film was directed by Howard Hall, whose previous underwater IMAX project, Deep Sea 3-D, is the second highest grossing IMAX doc to date. Hall is a master of creating immersive 3-D images that bring the audience as close to actual underwater diving as possible without getting wet (perhaps next time he can equip theaters with special sprinkler systems to bring the experience to the next level).

The movie is filled with unforgettable images that come alive on the massive IMAX screens. Some sequences such as a sea turtle eating a jellyfish or the bizarre mating rituals of the giant cuttlefish have an almost hypnotic pictorial beauty.

When combined with the increasingly impressive modern 3-D technology the result is gorgeously stylized, yet realistic enough to have children and gullible adults grasping at the screen. Due to the vast scope of the IMAX screen the 3-D technology is not merely a gimmick like the goofy '50s horror films John Candy used to mock on SCTV, but an incredible form of immersive visual storytelling that makes the screen feel like a window.

There's no denying that the primary success of Under the Sea lies in its wow factor. Jim Carrey narrates the piece. dropping facts to keep things educational, but frequently the imagery is so compelling that it can be difficult to concentrate on anything else.

The IMAX 3-D format is perhaps ideally suited to a film like Baraka that exists purely as a sensory experience, but given that many of the world's IMAX screens are still in museums and science centres, an educational aspect to these films is a necessity.

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Cruise may join Ludlum thriller movie

Tom Cruise is in talks to join The Matarese Circle. David Cronenberg is in the director's chair for MGM's adaptation of the Robert Ludlum story, which finds two bitter spies who have spent 20 years trying to off each other forced to team up. **TOTALFILM.COM**

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InFocus

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The 81st Annual Academy Awards

"Hand me now already the statuette award." With those dipsy doodle words Emil Jannings became the first Academy Award winner for Best Actor. It was a short and sweet speech which set the template for other loopy acceptance speeches to come—well, except for the short part.

Oscar speeches range from funny ("It couldn't have happened to an older guy," said 80-year-old George Burns of his Sunshine Boys win) to inflammatory (Michael Moore's, "Shame on you Mr. Bush! Shame on you!" outburst) to bizarre ("I am so in love with my brother," cooed Girl, Interrupted Best Supporting Actress Angelina Jolie) to heartfelt ("You like me!" yelped Sally Fields, "You really like me!") and egotistical ("I would like to thank my colleagues," intoned composer Dimitri Tiomkin, "Brahms, Bach, Beethoven, Richard Strauss") but to make a really successful speech there just are five basic rules:

1. Keep it short: The show is long so you'll be a hero if you keep your speech under 45 seconds. Take the lead from Jane Fonda, Best Actress for Klute, "There's a great deal to say," she said, "but I'm not going to say it tonight."

2. Give Thanks: No man or woman is an island, so you have to thank someone (unless you are screenwriter Donald Ogden Stewart who said "I am happy to report that I am entirely and solely responsible for the success of The Philadelphia Story"), but know where to draw the line. Find a happy medium somewhere between Jon Landau who thanked a laundry list of 45 people after Titanic's Best Picture win and William Holden's simple "Thank you" after he nabbed Best Actor for Stalag 17.

Also, remember to thank really important people. Don't be like Hillary Swank who thanked everyone on the planet except her husband Chad Lowe when she won for Boys Don't Cry.

4. Be memorable: This may be the biggest audience you'll ever play to so say something unforgettable. More people remember Cuba Gooding Jr.'s exuberant Jerry Maguire speech than any of the movies he's made since then and De Niro made headlines when he accepted his Best Actor Award for Raging Bull by thanking Jake LaMotta, "even though he's suing us."

5. Be Coherent: It's an exciting moment, but don't get rattled unless you want to see yourself all over the Net the next day sputtering nonsense. Jonathan Demme must regret using the word "uh" 40 times in his rambling acceptance speech for The Silence of the Lambs, and who knows what Laurence Olivier was thinking when he delivered a head-scratcher of a speech about "the first breath of the majestic glow of a new tomorrow" that left everyone in the audience baffled.

If every winner adhered to these few simple rules Oscar night could be a zippier, fun-filled affair instead of, as Johnny Carson joked, "Two hours of sparkling entertainment spread over four hours."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 pm on the E! Channel.

Saving Luna a killer whale of a tale saved by the Orca

Saving **Luna**

Director: Suzanne Chisholm, Michael Parfit

Classification: STC

Rating:

IAN GORMELY
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Despite the emergence of documentaries as a viable box-office force, nature docs have remained firmly on the cinematic sidelines. Saving Luna makes the case that such films might have a place in the mainstream and almost succeeds, albeit, in spite of itself.

The film chronicles the plight of a lone Orca whale that appeared in the waters off the west coast of Vancouver Island in 2001 and endeared him to the nearby residents in Gold River.

Saving Luna was made by Suzanne Chisholm and Michael Parfit who came to Gold River to write a news story about Luna and became enamoured with the Orca.

Saving Luna tells the story of an Orca too close to humans.

Parfit's narration, framed like a children's story, comes off as condescending and his long passages of exposition grow tiresome.

But by becoming a participant in Luna's story (he and partner Chisholm actively lobbied the DFO over the situation), Parfit breaks a journalistic fourth wall, irreparably damaging the film's credibility.

Still, Luna is a very charming whale, a fact that shines through the film's clunky and at times one-sided story telling, and makes this worthwhile viewing.

Deeper issues

Trouble **The Water**

Director: Tia Lessen, Carl Deal

Classification: STC

Rating:

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When Hurricane Katrina laid waste to New Orleans back in 2005, the grand scale destruction of property was only the first wave of an even more crippling social catastrophe that would follow.

As filmmakers Tia Lessen and Carl Deal examine in their Oscar nominated documentary, the floods, death and displacement were merely a catalyst, exposing the deeper issues of a government's failure to respond to homegrown tragedy and the even more profound racism in the heart of America.

The bulk of the picture sees the filmmakers following 9th Ward resident Kimberly Rivers-Roberts and her husband through their ruined neighbourhood.

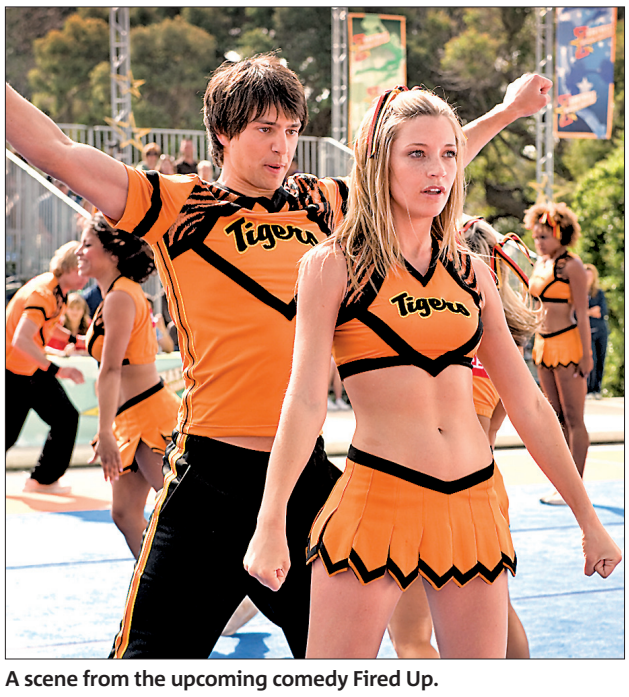
Trouble the Water is a magnificent and quietly shocking portrait of natural disaster and class privilege. More intimate than Spike Lee's similar document of the Katrina crisis, When the Levees Broke, Trouble the Water is one of the best films of the year.

Angels & Demons trailer hits Internet
The trailer for Angels & Demons, Ron Howard's sequel to The Da Vinci Code is available online. Demons is Dan Brown's prequel novel to the Code, but has been re-fitted to work as a sequel to the first film. **TOTALFILM.COM**

Fired Up brings good cheer

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

In the new comedy Fired Up, two high school football stars attempt to expand their dating pool by spending the summer at cheerleading camp. After all, where else would be better to meet cute, athletic girls? Once they arrive however, the characters (and their actor counterparts) discover something else — an extremely difficult athletic sport.


A scene from the upcoming comedy Fired Up.

"This is more about the boys obviously and the jokes end up being on them a little bit but the cheering part — I think anyone who watches it has got to respect what these kids do in cheer camp," said actress AnnaLynne McCord (TV's 90210) recently over the phone from Los Angeles. McCord should know what she's talking about. Not only does she play a head cheerleader in the movie, but her and co-star Sarah Roemer (Disturbia) spent more than two weeks at cheerleading boot-camp preparing for the comedy.

"This is definitely a dangerous sport. I don't know why parents let 14-year-old little girls do it. I mean, they're throwing you 20 feet in the air and you're having to focus and actually do something," explained McCord. "I was doing such minimal things considering what actual cheerleaders do and, at those ages, it's absolutely incredible."

"Its extremely hard and you have to be precise and strong," adds Roemer. "I felt much more comfortable with the girls throwing me up in the air than these two strong guys."

"I think anyone who watches (Fired Up) has got to respect what these kids do in cheer camp."
AnnaLynne McCord

Although the choreography in Fired Up — which opens in theatres next Friday — is sure to gain admirers, it is still a comedy intended to mock the subculture of cheerleaders. No scene perhaps captures that spirit more than one in which actors Eric Christian Olsen and Nicholas D'Agosto had to strip down and perform a naked cheer — a sequence in which the pair not only had to have their pom-pom choreography down pat to avoid full exposure but they had to be fearless.

"Oh yes, it's very fun," laughed Roemer. "(Eric and Nicholas) kind of fed off each other and they totally go for it."

Ozflix showcases women directors

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Women directors are taking Australia's film scene by storm, apparent in the lineup for this weekend's OzFlix film fest in Toronto.

The four-day event, Australia.com OzFlix: Australian Film Festival, runs from today to Monday, Feb. 16 and is sponsored by Tourism Australia.

And a surprising number of the films on tap, says festival director Eileen Arandiga, are directed by women; a growing trend in the land down under.

"Australia has been, and yes, probably is — I don't like to admit it – at times quite a chauvinistic sort of society," she said. "Men tend to work in film more than women; that's just the reality."

But Australia is one of those countries that has a real "can-do" attitude, she said.

"So I think that ethos has led to more and more women getting behind the camera, directing films, producing films, and not just doing the traditional role of being the actress," she said.

One of those women is Elissa Down, director and screenwriter of opening-night film Black Balloon starring famous Aussie Toni Collette (Muriel's Wedding).

It's her first feature-length production and Down says the film is semi-autobiographical, based on her experiences growing up with two autistic brothers.

"We've had many films dealing with disabilities but it tends to either romanticize the disability or just focus on the person with the disability and I really wanted to show what it's like to live with it day to day," said Down from her home base in Los Angeles.

OzFlix is in its fourth year running and this year will showcase 12 films and documentaries, about half of which are directed by women including Cactus starring Bryan Brown (Cocktail) and the closing night film In Her Skin.

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Bolt (PG) Sat 2:30 Sun-Mon 2:15
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Casablanca (STC) Fri 4:30 Sat 6:45 Mon 4:30
Cold Waves (STC) Sat 9
Dark Night of the Scarecrow (STC) Thu 9:30
Doubt (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 4:30 Sun 6:30 Mon 7 Tue 9
Frozen River (14A) Sun 4:15 Tue 4:30
Hooked (STC) Sun 9
I've Loved You So Long (14A) Wed 4:30 Thu 7
Let the Right One In (14A) Mon 9:15 Wed 7 Thu 4:30
Trainspotting (STC) Wed 9:30

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Defiance (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4-6:50-9:40
Doubt (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7:25-9:50
Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7-9:35
I've Loved You So Long (French w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:15-9:45
Know Your Mushrooms (STC) Fri-Thu 1:50-3:40-6:30-8:10-9:55
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-6:40-9
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:20-10
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:45-9:10
Waltz With Bashir (Hebrew w/e.s.t.) (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:30-9:30

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
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The Class (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-4-7-10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:40
Wendy and Lucy (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:50
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:45-9:30

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Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 2:10-6:15-9:50 Sat 6:15-9:50 Sun 2:10 Mon-Tue 2:10-6:15-9:50 Wed 2:10-9:50 Thu 2:10-6:15-9:50
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:25-9:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:45 Mon-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Fri-Wed 12:20-3:40-6:45-10 Thu 12:20-3:25-6:30-10
Inkheart (PG) Fri 12:40-3:10 Sat 4:20 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:10
The International (14A) Fri 1-4-7-10:15 Sat 1-4:15-7-10:15 Sun-Thu 1-4-7-10:15
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
My Bloody Valentine (18A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:50-7:50-10:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:50-5:10-7:15-8:10-9:45-10:40 Mon-Tue 1:50-5:10-7:15-8:10-9:45-10:25 Wed 1:50-5:10-8:10-9:45-10:25 Thu 1:50-5:10-7:15-8:10-9:45-10:25
The Unborn (14A) Mon 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30
Under the Sea 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-2-3:30-5-6:30-8-9:30
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-7:20-10:10 Thu 12:50-3:50-7:20
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 12:25-3-6:40-9:20 Sat 12:25-2:55-6:40-9:20 Sun-Thu 12:25-3-6:40-9:20
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He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 1-3:45-6:30-9-11:30 Sat-Thu 1-3:45-6:30-9
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-7
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:15-4-6:50-9:20-11:40 Sat-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:20
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 4:20-9:30

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Push (14A) Fri 12:50-4:10-7:05-9:45 Sat 4:10-7:05-9:45 Sun-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:05-9:45
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10 Dundas St East, 416-977-2642

Bride Wars (PG) Fri 1:30-3:35-5:50-8-10:30 Sat-Mon 11-1:30-3:35-5:50-8-10:30 Tue-Wed 3:35-5:50-8-10:30 Thu 3:35-10:30
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20-11-11:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20-11-11:30 Special Engagement Mon 11-11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:40-2:20-3-3:40-4:20-5-5:40-6:20-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20
Defiance (14A) Fri 4:35-7:25-10:25 Sat-Mon 1:35-4:35-7:25-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:35-7:25-10:25
Doubt (PG) Fri 5:10-10:20 Sat-Mon 11:35-5:10-10:20 Tue-Thu 5:10-10:20
Friday the 13th (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:15-7:15-8-9-10-10:45-11:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:45-11:30-12:15-1-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:15-7:15-8-9-10-10:45-11:30 Special Engagement Mon 10:45-11:30-12:15-1-1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:15-7:15-8-9-10-10:45 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:45-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:30-6:15-7:15-8-9-10-10:45
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Thu 2-7:30
Milk (14A) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:25-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:10
New in Town (PG) Fri 4-6:30-8:45 Sat-Mon 11:25-1:45-4-6:30-8:45 Tue-Thu 1:45-4-6:30-8:45
Nurse.Fighter.Boy (STC) Fri-Thu 2:40-4:50-7:05-9:55
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 1:15-3:25-5:45-8:20-10:45 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:15-3:25-5:45-8:20-10:45 Tue-Thu 3:25-5:45-8:20-10:45
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-8:45-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:45-12-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-8:45-10 Mon 10:45-12-1:30-4-5:15-6:30-7:30-8:45-10 Tue-Thu 2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-8:45-10
Push (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:15-8:15-9:55-10:55 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:55-12:05-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:15-8:15-9:55-10:55 Mon 10:55-12:05-1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:15-8:15-9:55 Tue-Thu 1:40-2:40-4:20-5:20-7:15-8:15-9:55
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:20-10:05 Sat-Mon 10:50-1:35-4:25-7:20-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:45-10:25 Sat-Mon 11:15-2:05-4:50-7:45-10:25 Tue-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:45-10:25
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:40 Sat-Mon 11:15-1:20-2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:40 Tue-Thu 2:20-4:05-5:05-6:50-7:50-9:45-10:40
Welcome to the Sticks (PG) Fri 2:10-4:35-7:10-9:25 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:10-4:35-7:10-9:25 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:35-7:10-9:25

WEST END

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Billu Barber (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3:30-6-7:30-8:45-10 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6-7:30-8:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6-7:15-8:30-9:45
Luck By Chance (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4 Sat 12 Sun 3 Mon-Thu 4

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4-6:35-9:20 Sun 1:20-4-6:35 Mon-Thu 1:20-4-6:35-9:20
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:30-4:35-7:30-10:30 No Passes Wed 4:35-7:30-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:30-4:35-7:30-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Tue 2-4:50-7:40-10:25 Wed 2-4:50-10:25 Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:25
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-4:10-8
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:40
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:25-9:25
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:30-6:50-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:15-6:15
The International (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4:05-7:15-10:20 Wed 4:05-7:15-10:20 Thu 1-4:05-7:15-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:30-9:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:45-9:35
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:10-10:05
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:25-7:10-15
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:25-10:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:55-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:20-9
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 2:10-5-7:55-10:45
The Uninvited (14A) Fri 1:45-4:45-7:35-9:55 Sat 5:05-7:35-10:55 Sun 1:25-3:55-9:55 Mon-Tue 1:45-4:45-7:35-9:55 Wed 1:45-4:25-9:55 Thu 1:45-4:45-7:35-9:55
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
WWE: No Way Out 2008 (STC) Sun 8

WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:55-9:20
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-6:50-9
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:55-6:45-9:25
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-4:05-7:15
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 12:55-4:10-6:55-9:40
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:35
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7-9:30
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 12:45-2:50-4:55-7:10-9:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20

EAST END

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

Coraline (PG) Fri-Mon 1:20-4:20-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:20
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:50-10:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-7-10 Tue-Thu 7-10
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:10 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 7:20-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:10-9:30 Sat 4:40-7:10-9:30 Sun-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:30

FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Bolt (PG) Fri-Mon 2
Happy-Go-Lucky (14A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Tue 7
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Wed 1:30-9 Thu 7
Man on Wire (PG) Wed 7 Thu 9
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 4 Mon 4
Valkyrie (PG) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 4-7 Mon 9 Tue 9:15

NORTH YORK

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1-4-7-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 4-7-9:50
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-4:30-8:15 Tue-Thu 4:30-8:15
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-5-7:50-10:30 No Passes Mon 2-5-7:50-10:15 No Passes Tue-Thu 5-7:50-10:15
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 Sat-Sun 6:40-9:40 Mon 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:40-9:40
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:50-10
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20 Mon 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-10:15
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:40-7:15-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:15-9:45
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Sun 12:50-3:50-7:10-10:10 Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:10-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:50-7:40-10:15 Mon 1:45-4:50-7:40-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:05

EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

Billu Barber (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
Coraline (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 7:15-9:45
Coraline 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1:45-4:20-7:25-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:45-4:20-7:15-9:45
Defiance (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
Frost/Nixon (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9:40
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1:25-4:25-7:25-9:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1:25-4:25-7:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-9:55
NBA All Star Saturday Night: Live 3D (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 8
Opus Arte: La Bohème (Opera) (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1-1:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:30
The Reader (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-6:45-9:35
Revolutionary Road (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:55-9:50
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 2:15-4:45-7:40-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 4:45-10:15 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:40-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 2-5-7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 5-7:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2-5-7:30
The Wrestler (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:20-10:10
WWE: No Way Out 2009 (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun 8

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:50-9:45
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:30-9:40
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:15-10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:40-7:10-20 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:40-7:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:15-3:15-6:15 Tue-Thu 12:35-3:30-6:15
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:30-6:55-10:10 Tue-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:55
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:45-4:30-7:20-10 Tue-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:55
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:25 Tue-Thu 1-4-7:05-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:40-7:10-9:50
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 9:15

SILVERCITY FAIRVIEW
1800 Sheppard Ave. E., 416-644-7746

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3:45-7-9:45
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-10
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:15
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:50-10:10
The International (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:15
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15-6:40-9:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 1:45-4:30-7:40-10:20 Tue-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:05
Taken (14A) Fri-Tue 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:30 Wed 2:15-4:45-9:30 Thu 2:15-4:45-7:10-9:30
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7

SCARBOROUGH

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:20
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sat 9:40 Sun 10:10 Mon-Thu 9:40
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7-10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:30 Mon-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:30-10:10
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
My Bloody Valentine (18A) Fri 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25 Sat 4:40-7:40-10:25 Sun 1:40-4:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:25
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-10:05
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:40-9:30
Push (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10:20
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:10-9:50
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:25-9:55
WWE: No Way Out 2008 (STC) Sun 8

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:15-3:55-6:45-9:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:55-6:45-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Coraline (PG) Fri-Mon 12-2:40-6:10-8:50 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:10-8:50
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sat 2-6-9:45 Sun 2 Mon 2-6-9:45 Tue-Thu 6-9:45
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:20-2:50-5:20-8-10:45 No Passes Mon 12:20-2:50-5:20-8-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 5-8-10:30
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Mon 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:50 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:40-7:15-10:35 Mon 12:30-3:40-7:15-10:25 Tue-Thu 3:40-7:15-10:25
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:05-2:35-6:30 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:30
The International (14A) Fri-Sun 1:20-4:40-7:45-10:40 Mon 1:20-4:40-7:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:45-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 12:35-3:15-6:40-9:20 Tue-Thu 4-6:40-9:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:25-6:20-9 Tue-Thu 3:25-6:20-9
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:15-7:20-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:15-7:20-10:20
The Reader (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-7-10:05 Tue-Thu 4-7
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Mon 12:15-3:30-7:10-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:40-7:10-10:15
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:20-7:35-10 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:35-10
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:10-7:30-9:55 Tue 4:10-7:30-9:55 Wed 4:10-9:55 Thu 4:10-7:30-9:55
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:30-7:40-10:10 Tue-Thu 10:10
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
WWE: No Way Out 2008 (STC) Sun 8

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1-4:05-7:10-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:05-6:45-9:25
Coraline (PG) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:45-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:15
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:45-4:30-7:40-10:15 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:45-7:25-9:55
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:35-6:40-9:55 Tue-Thu 3:35-6:30-9:35
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:45 Tue-Thu 4:40
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 12:50-4:15-7:10 Tue-Thu 4:15-7-9:45

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Screen Times

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Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:20-7:20-9:40 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:20-9:40
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-3:55-6:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:55-6:15-9:10
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 1:20-4-7:15-10:05 Tue-Thu 4-7:15-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:10-7:35-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:40-9:20
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Mon 1:35-4:50-7:45-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:05-9:30
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 7:30-10:05

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Billu Barber (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Mon 12:35-3:45-6:50-9:55 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 3:45-6:50-10
Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Mon 11-1:15-3:30-5:45-8-10:25 Tue-Thu 3:30-5:45-8-10:25
The Class (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Mon 1:05-4-7:05-10 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 4:10-7:05-10
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Mon 11:30-12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7-7:45-9:30-10:15
Defiance (14A) Fri-Mon 12-3-6-9 Tue-Thu 4-7-9:55
Doubt (PG) Fri-Mon 12-2:25-4:55-7:15-9:40 Tue-Thu 2:25-4:55-7:15-9:40
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Mon 11:05-1:50-4:35-7:25-10:05 Tue-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:25-10:10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Mon 11:20-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:50 Tue-Thu 2-4:35-7:10-9:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:05-1:05-2-4-4:50-6:55-7:45-9:45-10:40 Mon 11:05-1:05-2-4-4:50-6:55-7:45-9:45-10:40 Tue-Thu 2-4-4:45-6:55-7:40-9:55-10:30
The International (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Mon 11:20-12:05-2-2:45-4:40-5:25-7:20-8:05-10-10:45 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:30-4:25-5:10-7:05-7:50-9:45-10:30
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri-Mon 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:10 Tue-Thu 3:15-5:35-7:55-10:10
Milk (14A) Fri-Mon 11:10-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Tue-Thu 2-4:50-7:35-10:20
The Reader (14A) Fri-Mon 11:15-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:10 Tue-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:05
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Mon 11:30-1:30-2:15-4:15-5-7:45-9:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:15-5-7:45-9:45-10:30
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Mon 12:45-3-5:15-7:30-9:50 Tue-Thu 3-5:15-7:30-9:50
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15 Tue-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:15

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Billu Barber (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3:30-6-7:30-8:45-10 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-6-7:30-8:45-10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6-7:15-8:30-9:45
Luck By Chance (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri 4 Sat-Sun 1-4 Mon-Thu 4

PEEL REGION

CINÉ STARZ
377 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., 905-290-2401

Australia (PG) Fri 1:50-4:45-8:35 Sat 1:50-8:35 Sun 1:50-4:45-8:35 Mon 1:50-8:20 Tue-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:10
Madagascar 2 (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:05-3:40-6 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:55
Padikathavan (Tamil) (PG) Fri-Sun 7:35 Mon 5:15
Seven Pounds (14A) Fri 12-7:35-9:40 Sat 12-7:25-9:30 Sun 12-7:35-9:40 Mon 12-7:20-9:25 Tue-Thu 3:05-5:10-7:15
Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri-Mon 12-1:35-3:10 Tue-Thu 1:30-5:10
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sun 1:35-3:40-7:15 Mon 1:35-3:40-7:35 Tue-Thu 1:15-6:45
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sun 5:15-9:20 Mon 7:50 Tue-Thu 2:55-6:30-8:30
Yes Man (PG) Fri-Sun 12-4:40-6:45 Mon 12-4:40-6:30 Tue-Thu 3:20-8:45

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri 12:40-3:40 Sat 4 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:40
Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-4:20-7:15-10 Wed 4:20-7:15-10 Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4:10-7:20-10:25 Tue 1-4:10-7:20-10:15 Wed 4:10-7:20-10:15 Thu 1-4:10-7:20-10:15 Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:30-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:20 Sun 12:30-3:30-6:40 Mon-Thu 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:20
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
My Bloody Valentine 3D (18A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:10-10:10
Notorious (18A) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7:10:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Under the Sea 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12-1:30-3-4:30-6-7:30-9
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:15 Tue 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:05 Wed 1:50-4:40-6:45-10:05 Thu 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:05
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:20 Tue-Thu 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:10
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Sat 6:45-9:30 Sun 9:30 Mon-Tue 6:45-9:30 Wed 9:30 Thu 6:45-9:30
WWE: No Way Out 2008 (STC) Sun 8

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

Bride Wars (PG) Fri 1:15-7:15 Sat-Mon 11-1:15-7:15 Tue-Thu 1:15-7:15
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-4:20-7:9:45 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:05-1:40-4:20-7-9:45 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:45
Coraline (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55 Mon 11:30-2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55 Tue-Thu 2:05-4:40-7:25-9:55
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 3:40-9:30
Friday the 13th (18A) Special Engagement Fri 2:35-3:05-5:05-5:35-7:30-8-10:15-11 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 12:05-12:40-2:35-3:05-5:05-5:35-7:30-8-10:15-11 Special Engagement Tue-Wed 2:35-3:05-5:05-5:35-7:30-8-10:15-11 Special Engagement Thu 2:35-3:05-5:05-7:30-10:15
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:10-10:05
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 1-4-7:05-10:30 Mon-Thu 1-4-7:05-10:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 2:40-5:30 Sat-Mon 11:55-2:40-5:30 Tue-Thu 2:40-5:30
The International (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:20-10:20
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 2:25-5-7:20-9:40 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:25-5-7:20-9:40 Tue-Thu 2:25-5-7:20-9:40
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 2:15-4:45-7:35-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:35-10 Mon 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:35-10 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:35-10
Push (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:10-4:55-7:45-10:35 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:35-2:10-4:55-7:45-10:35 Mon 11:35-2:10-4:55-7:45-10:35 Tue-Thu 2:10-4:55-7:45-10:35
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:05
Taken (14A) Fri 3-5:25-7:55-10:25 Sat-Mon 12:35-3-5:25-7:55-10:25 Tue-Thu 3-5:25-7:55-10:25
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri 3:25-5:50-8:20-10:40 Sat-Mon 12:55-3:25-5:50-8:20-10:40 Tue-Thu 3:25-5:50-8:20-10:40
The Uninvited (14A) Fri 1:20-3:35-5:55-8:30-10:50 Sat-Mon 11:10-1:20-3:35-5:55-8:30-10:50 Tue-Thu 1:20-3:35-5:55-8:30-10:50
The Wrestler (14A) Fri-Thu 8:10-10:45

ORION GATE GRANDE
20 Biscayne Cr., 905-455-1590

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 3:40-7-9:55 No Passes Sat-Mon 1-3:40-7-9:55 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:40-7-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:55-10:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:10-7:15-9:35
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 4-7:15-10:15 Sat-Mon 12:45-4-7:15-10:15 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:45
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 3:30-6:30 Sat-Mon 12:35-3:30-6:30 Tue-Thu 3:35-6:30
The International (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:40 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:55-6:55-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:40 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:15-6:50-9:30 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:15-6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 4:15-6:50-9:25
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:50-6:40-9:20 Sat-Mon 12:55-3:50-6:40-9:20 Tue-Thu 4:15-6:20-9:20
Push (14A) Fri 4:40-7:45-10:25 Sat-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:25 Tue-Thu 3:35-6:15-9:55
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 9:10
Taken (14A) Fri 4:30-7:35-10 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:35-10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:35-10
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri 4:50-7:25-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:50-4:50-7:25-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:10-9:30

SILVERCITY MISSISSAUGA
3055 Vega Blvd., 905-569-3373

Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:50-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:40-10:15
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:10
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
Defiance (14A) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-6:40-9:45 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:40-9:45
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:20-7:50-10:20
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:40-6:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:30-9:20
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-7:10 Tue-Thu 4-7:10
Marley & Me (PG) Fri-Mon 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:20-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:20-10:05
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:40

SQUARE ONE
100 City Centre Dr., 905-275-2640

Billu Barber (STC) Sub-Titled, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:05
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Stadium Seating, THX, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7-9:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:40-9:10
Friday the 13th (18A) Stadium Seating, THX, No Passes Fri-Thu 2:15-5-7:50-10:20
Gran Torino (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 9
Hotel for Dogs (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-3:50-6:30
The International (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:20-10:10
Opus Arte: La Bohème (Opera) (STC) Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:30-9:50
Push (14A) Stadium Seating Fri 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:30 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 4:05-6:50-9:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:45-6:35-9:20
Taken (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 2:30-5:10-7:40-10

NORTH

AURORA CINEMAS
15460 Bayview Ave., 905-841-1789

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7-9:40 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:10-4-7-9:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:30-9:55 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 5:15-7:50-10:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12-2:30-5:15-7:50-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 7-10:15
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:30-6:50-10 Sat-Mon 12:15-3:30-6:50-10 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:40
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 3:30-6:30 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:15-6:30 Tue-Thu 7:15
The International (14A) Fri 4:40-7:30-10:20 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:20 Tue-Thu 6:55-10:10
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:30 Sat-Mon 12:45-4:10-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 6:30-9
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:15 Sat-Mon 1-3:45-6:40-9:15 Tue-Thu 6:30-9:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Push (14A) Fri 4:30-7:15-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:50 Tue-Thu 7:30-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:10 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:30
Taken (14A) Fri 5-7:40-10:15 Sat-Mon 2:15-5-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:55
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 9 Tue-Thu 9:40

COLOSSUS 19
3555 Hwy 7 West, 905-851-1001

Bedtime Stories (G) Fri-Mon 9:15 Tue-Thu 8:40
Bride Wars (PG) Fri 1:30-3:50-7:25-9:45 Sat 3:50-7:25-9:45 Sun-Mon 1:30-3:50-7:25-9:45 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:05
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 12:40-1:45-3:40-4:45-7:7:50-10-10:45 No Passes Sat 12:40-1:45-4:10-4:45-7:7:50-10-10:45 No Passes Mon 12:40-1:45-3:40-4:45-7:7:50-10-10:45 No Passes Mon 12:45-1:45-3:40-4:45-7:7:50-10-10:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 3:30-4:25-6:45-7:15-9:30-10
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Mon 2:15-6:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 4-8:10
The Day the Earth Stood Still: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Mon 1-4-7:10 Tue-Thu 4-7:10
Defiance (14A) Fri-Mon 9:30 Tue-Thu 9
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:50-7:55-10:35 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:05-9:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:50-1:20-4-4:30-7:15-7:45-10:20-10:50 Tue-Thu 3:40-4:10-6:40-7:10-9:40-10:10
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:10-3:20-6:40 Tue-Thu 3-6:10
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:15-6:55 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:25
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 1:15-4:20-7:30-10:40 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:15-10:05
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
My Bloody Valentine 3D (18A) Fri-Mon 2:10-5:10-8:10-10:45 Tue-Thu 5-7:50-10:15
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:50-5:30-8:10-10:35 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:20-9:45
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:55
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:15-7:10-10:05 Tue-Thu 4:15-7-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4:10-7:20-10:25 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:35
Twilight (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:20 Sun 12:30-3:10-6:20 Mon 12:30-3:10-6:20-9:20 Tue-Thu 3:20-6:30-9:20
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sat 2-5-8-10:30 Sun 2-4:30-10:30 Mon 2-5-8-10:30 Tue-Thu 5:20-8-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:25-7:35-10:10 Tue-Thu 4:55-7:45-10:10
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ELGIN MILLS 10
10909 Yonge St., 905-770-6998

La Bohème (STC) Sat-Sun 1
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 7-10 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-7-10 No Passes Mon 12:40-3:40-7-9:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:30-9
Coraline (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-6:40-9:20 Mon 1:30-4:10-6:40-9:10 Tue-Thu 5:30-8
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 7:40-10:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:40-10:30 No Passes Mon 2-4:40-7:40-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:50-9:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 7:10-10:10 Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10-10:10 Mon 1-4-7:10-10 Tue-Thu 5:50-8:40
Hotel for Dogs (G) Sat-Mon 1:20-4:30
The International (14A) Fri 7:20-10:20 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:20 Mon 1:40-4:30-7:20-10:10 Tue-Thu 6-8:50
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:20-9:50 Mon 1:10-3:30-7:20-9:40 Tue-Thu 5:40-8:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:30 No Passes Mon 12:30-3:20-6:50-9:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:20-8:30
Push (14A) Fri 6:30 Sat 3:50-6:30 Sun-Mon 12:50-3:50-6:30 Tue-Thu 6:10
The Reader (14A) Fri-Sun 6:50-9:40 Mon 6:50-9:30 Tue-Thu 5:20-8:20
Taken (14A) Fri 7:30-10:40 Sat 1:50-4:20-7:30-10:40 Sun 4:20-7:30-10:40 Mon 1:50-4:20-7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 6:40-9:10
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Sun 9:10 Mon 9 Tue-Thu 8:45

FIRST MARKHAM PLACE
3275 Hwy 7 E., 905-474-5101

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 4:20-7-9:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:30-4:20-7-9:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 7-9:25
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 5-7:40-10:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 2:10-5-7:40-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:20-9:50
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:10-4-6:50-9:50 Tue-Thu 6:55-9:40
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 5:20 Sat-Mon 2:30-5:20
The International (14A) Fri 4:30-7:10-9:45 Sat-Mon 1:40-4:30-7:10-9:45 Tue-Thu 7:05-9:35
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:40 Sat-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:20-9:40 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:30
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:10 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:10-6:40-9:10 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:15
Push (14A) Fri 4:50-7:30-9:55 Sat-Mon 2-4:50-7:30-9:55 Tue-Thu 7:15-9:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 3:50-6:30-9:20 Sat-Mon 1-3:50-6:30-9:20 Tue-Thu 6:45-9:20
Taken (14A) Fri 5:10-7:50-10 Sat-Mon 2:20-5:10-7:50-10 Tue-Thu 7:25-9:55
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 8-10:15 Tue-Thu 7:30-10

INTERCHANGE 30
30 Interchange Way, 905-760-1911

Australia (PG) Fri 2:35-6-9:30 Sat-Mon 11-2:35-6-9:30 Tue-Thu 6-9:30
Bolt (PG) Digital Fri 2:20-4:45-7:10-9:40 Digital Sat-Mon 12-2:20-4:45-7:10-9:40 Digital Tue-Wed 4:45-7:10-9:40 Digital Thu 4:45
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (14A) Fri 2:50-5:25-7:50-10:05 Sat-Mon 12:25-2:50-5:25-7:50-10:05 Tue-Thu 5:25-7:50-10:05
Changeling (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-10:05 Sat-Mon 1-4:05-7:05-10:05 Tue-Wed 4-7-10 Tue-Thu 4:05-7:05-10:05
Coraline 3D (PG) Digital Fri 2-4:30-7-9:30 Digital Sat-Mon 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30 Digital Tue-Thu 4:30-7-9:30
Doubt (PG) Fri 2:35-5:15-8-10:40 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:35-5:15-8-10:40 Mon 11:55-2:35-5:15-8-10:25 Tue-Thu 5:15-8-10:25
Friday the 13th (18A) Fri 1:30-2-3-4-4:30-5:45-6:45-7:30-8:15-9:30-10:15-11 Sat-Sun 11-12:30-1:30-2-3-4-4:30-5:45-6:45-7:30-8:15-9:30-10:15-11 Mon 11-12:30-1:30-2-3-4-4:30-5:45-6:45-7:30-8:15-9:30-10:15 Tue-Thu 4-4:30-5:45-6:45-7:30-8:15-9:30-10:15
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:50-10:30 Sat-Mon 11:10-2-4:45-7:50-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:45-7:50-10:30
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri 2:15-5:15-7:40-10:15 Sat-Sun 11:30-2:15-5:15-7:40-10:15 Mon 11:30-2:15-5:15-7:40-10 Tue-Thu 5:15-7:40-10
Milk (14A) Fri 1:40-4:25-7:20-10:25 Sat-Mon 10:55-1:40-4:25-7:20-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:20-10:25
Notorious (18A) Fri 2:40-5:45-8:30 Sat-Mon 11:25-2:40-5:45-8:30 Tue-Thu 5:45-8:30
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:15-9:45-10:30 Sat-Mon 11:45-12:45-2:15-3-4:45-5:30-7:15-8:15-9:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:45-5:30-7:15-8:15-9:45-10:30
Quantum of Solace (PG) Fri 2:30-4:55-7:30-10 Sat-Mon 12-2:30-4:55-7:30-10 Tue-Thu 4:55-7:30-10
Rachel Getting Married (14A) Fri 1:55-4:55-7:55-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:10-1:55-4:55-7:55-10:45 Mon 11:10-1:55-4:55-7:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:55-7:45-10:30
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:15 Sat-Mon 11-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:15-10:15
Role Models (14A) Fri 2:10-4:35-7:10-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:50-2:10-4:35-7:10-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:35-7:10-9:50
Seven Pounds (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:40-10:25 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:50-4:40-7:40-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:40-7:40-10:25
The Spirit (14A) Fri 1:50-4:25-6:55-9:35 Sat-Mon 11:20-1:50-4:25-6:55-9:35 Thu 4:25-6:55-9:35
Taken (14A) Fri 2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-9:45-10:45 Sat-Sun 11:45-1-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-9:45-10:45 Mon 11:45-1-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:15-9:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 5-6-7:30-8:15-9:45-10:30
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Fri 2:40-5:20-7:45-9:55 Sat-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:20-7:45-9:55 Mon 12:15-2:40-5:20-7:35-9:50 Tue-Thu 5:20-7:35-9:50
Transporter 3 (14A) Fri 2:25-5:10-7:55-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:25-5:10-7:55-10:30 Mon 11:40-2:25-5:10-7:55-10:20 Tue-Thu 5:10-7:55-10:20
The Unborn (14A) Fri 2:45-5:05-7:25-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:30-2:45-5:05-7:25-9:50 Tue-Thu 5:05-7:25-9:50
Valkyrie (PG) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:35-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:15-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:35 Mon 11:15-2:05-4:50-7:35-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:50-7:35-10:20
Vicky Cristina Barcelona (14A) Fri 2:50-5:05-7:20-9:40 Sat-Mon 12:20-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:40 Tue-Wed 5:05-7:20-9:40 Thu 5:05
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 2:20-5-7:45-10:30 Sat-Sun 11:40-2:20-5-7:45-10:30 Mon 11:40-2:20-5-7:45-10:20 Tue-Thu 5-7:45-10:20
Yes Man (PG) Fri 1:35-4:10-6:35-9:20 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:35-4:10-6:35-9:20 Tue-Thu 4:10-6:35-9:20

PROMENADE MALL
1 Promenade Circle, 416-494-9371

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7-9:20
Coraline (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:45-9
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:50-9:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:45-5-7:15
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:40-9:25
Taken (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:10-7:10-9:10
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 9:15

SILVERCITY NEWMARKET
18151 Yonge St., 905-953-2792

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7:05-10:10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:25-4:10-7:05-10:10 No Passes Tue 4:10-7:05-10:10 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:05-10:10
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 4:15-7:10-9:45 Sat-Mon 1:20-4:15-7:10-9:45 Tue 4:15-7:10-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:45
Defiance (14A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 3:50-5:15-6:45-8-9:40-10:30 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-1-2:50-3:50-5:15-6:45-8-9:40-10:30 No Passes Tue 3:50-5:15-6:45-8-9:40-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 6:45-7:45-9:40-10:10
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 3:45-6:40-9:35 Sat-Mon 12:35-3:45-6:40-9:35 Tue 3:45-6:40-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:35
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:35-6:50-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:35-6:50-9:50 Tue 3:35-6:50-9:50 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 3:30-6:30 Sat-Mon 1:05-3:30-6:30 Tue 3:30-6:30 Wed-Thu 6:30
The International (14A) Fri 4:05-7:10:05 Sat-Mon 12:50-4:05-7:10:05 Tue 4:05-7:10:05 Wed-Thu 7-10:05
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 5-7:25-10:20 Sat-Mon 1:50-5-7:25-10:20 Tue 5-7:25-10:20 Wed-Thu 7:25-9:55
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:40-6:35-9:30 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:40-6:35-9:30 Tue 3:40-6:35-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:35-9:30
Push (14A) Fri 4:20-7:15-10:25 Sat-Mon 1:15-4:20-7:15-10:25 Tue 4:20-7:15-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:55
The Reader (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-10 Sat 12:45-3:55-6:55-10 Sun 12:45-3:55-6:55 Mon 12:45-3:55-10 Tue 3:55-6:55-10 Wed-Thu 6:55-10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 4-7:20-10:15 Sat-Mon 12:55-4-7:20-10:15 Tue 4-7:20-10:15 Wed-Thu 7:20-10:15
Taken (14A) Fri 4:25-7:35-9:55 Sat-Mon 1:45-4:25-7:35-9:55 Tue 4:25-7:35-9:55 Wed-Thu 7:35-9:55
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Sat 4:45-7:40-10:30 Sun-Mon 2-4:45-10:30 Tue 4:45-7:40-10:30 Wed 10:15 Thu 7:40-10:15
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 4:30-7:30-10:05 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:05 Tue 4:30-7:30-10:05 Wed-Thu 7:30-10:05
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SILVERCITY RICHMOND HILL
8771 Yonge St., 905-709-3199

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:10-6:50-9:40 No Passes Thu 1
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 12:50-3:30-6:20-9 Tue-Thu 3:55-6:35-9:10
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Mon 12-3:55-7:45 Tue-Thu 4:20-8
Defiance (14A) Fri-Sat 12:15-3:25-6:40-9:50 Sun 12:15-3:25-7:05 Mon 12:15-3:25-6:40-9:50 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:50
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:35-7:45-10:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:45-7:20-10:30 Tue-Thu 4:05-7:20-10:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:20-3:10-6:10 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:20
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-7:10:10 Tue-Thu 4-7:10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-3:50-6:30-9:10 Tue-Thu 3:50-6:30-9
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 12:10-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:25 Tue-Thu 4:05-7:15-9:45
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:55 Tue-Thu

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			3:30 PM

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Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:30-7:30-10:35 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10:25
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:25-7:35-10 Tue-Thu 4:25-7:35-10
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri 2:05-4:40-7:40-10:05 Sat 4:40-7:40-10:05 Sun 2:05-4:40-10:05 Mon 2:05-4:40-7:40-10:05 Tue 4:40-7:40-10:05 Wed 4:40-10:05 Thu 4:40-7:40-10:05
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 8:40 Tue-Thu 8:50
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
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SILVERCITY BURLINGTON 8
1250 Brant St., 416-646-0444

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:15-10:10 No Passes Wed 1
Coraline (PG) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:45 Tue-Thu 6:45
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Mon 3:45
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:30-10:30
Gran Torino (14A) Fri-Thu 9:45
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-7-10:20 Tue-Thu 7-10:20
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:50-3:50-6:50 Tue-Thu 6:50
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 7:45-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:20 Mon 1:20-4:20-7:20-10 Tue-Thu 7:20-10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:50 Tue-Thu 7:05-9:50
Push (14A) Fri 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Sat 4:25-7:25-10:25 Sun-Mon 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Tue-Thu 7:25-10:25
The Reader (14A) Fri-Thu 9:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10 Tue-Thu 7:10-10:10
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 7:40-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Sat 1:35-7:35-10:05 Sun 1:35-10:05 Mon 1:35-7:35-10:05 Tue 7:35-10:05 Wed 10:05 Thu 7:35-10:05
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
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SILVERCITY OAKVILLE
3531 Wyecroft Road, 905 827-7173

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:20-4:20-6:45-9:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:45-9:45
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri-Mon 1:10-4-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:20
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 1:30-4:10-7:40-10:30 No Passes Sat 4:10-7:40-10:30 No Passes Sun-Tue 1:30-4:10-7:40-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:40-10:30
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:30-3:40-7-10:10 Tue-Thu 7-10:10 Fri-Mon 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Tue-Thu 6:30-9:30
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 12:50-3:50 Sat 3:50 Sun-Mon 12:50-3:50
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:30-6:55-10:20 Tue-Thu 6:55-10:20
Metropolitan Opera: Thais Encore (STC) Sat 12 Sat 12
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 1-4:30-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 7:20-9:50
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:50-4:40-7:10-9:40 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:40
Push (14A) Fri-Tue 6:30-9:30 Wed 9:30 Thu 6:30-9:30
The Reader (14A) Fri-Mon 1-4-7-10 Tue-Thu 7-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 1:40-4:50-7:30-10 Tue-Thu 7:30-10
The Who - Live at the Isle of Wight Festival (STC) Wed 7
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Sat 4:30-7:30-10:30 Sun-Mon 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30 Tue-Thu 7:30-10:30

SILVERCITY BRAMPTON
50 Great Lakes, 905-789-6797

Billu Barber (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri 3:35-7:05-10:25 Sat-Mon 12:20-3:35-7:05-10:25 Tue-Thu 3:40-6:45-9:50
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 4:25-7:10-10 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:25-4:25-7:10-10 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:20-7-9:40
Coraline 3D (PG) Fri 3:40-6:20-9:30 Sat-Mon 1-3:40-6:20-9:30 Tue-Thu 3:30-6:15-9
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 3-5:30-8-10:45 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10 No Passes Fri 3-5:30-8-10:45 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 4:30-7:30-10 No Passes Sun 12:30-3
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 4-6:50-9:40 Sat-Mon 1:05-4-6:50-9:40 Tue-Thu 3:35-6:25-9:20
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 3:55-7:10:05 Sat-Mon 12:50-3:55-7:10:05 Tue-Thu 3:45-6:50-9:55
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 3:10-6:15 Sat-Mon 12:40-3:10-6:15 Tue-Thu 3:10-6:10
The International (14A) Fri 4:20-7:20-10:35 Sat-Mon 1:15-4:20-7:20-10:35 Tue-Thu 3:55-7:10-10:05
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 4:10-6:40-9:25 Sat-Mon 1:25-4:10-6:40-9:25 Tue-Thu 4-6:40-9:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:15 Sat-Mon 12:35-3:20-6:30-9:15 Tue-Thu 3:15-6:20-8:55
Push (14A) Fri 3:50-7:30-10:20 Sat-Mon 12:55-3:50-7:30-10:20 Tue-Thu 4:10-7:20-10:10
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Mon 9:10 Tue-Thu 8:45
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 3:30-6:45-9:50 Sat-Mon 12:15-3:30-6:45-9:50 Tue-Thu 3:25-6:30-9:25
Taken (14A) Fri 4:40-7:40-10:15 Sat-Mon 1:45-4:40-7:40-10:15 Tue-Thu 4:45-7:15-9:45
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri 4:55-7:50-10:40 Sat-Mon 1:55-4:55-7:50-10:40 Tue-Thu 4:55-7:40-10:15
The Uninvited (14A) Fri 4:50-7:25-9:55 Sat-Mon 1:35-4:50-7:25-9:55 Tue-Wed 4:35-7:05-9:30 Thu 4:35-10:15
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WINSTON CHURCHILL
2081 Winston Park Dr., 905-829-2009

Billu Barber (STC) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:55-7:10:10
The Class (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:15-7:15-10:15
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-5-8:45
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri 1:20-4:05 Sat-Mon 10:35-1:20-4:05 Tue-Thu 1:20-4:05
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05 Sat-Mon 10:45-1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05 Tue-Thu 1:35-4:25-7:15-10:05
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Special Engagement Fri 12:45-1:30-3:45-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:45-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:30-12:45-1:30-3:45-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:45-10:30 Mon 10:30-12:45-1:30-3:45-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 12:45-1:30-3:45-4:30-6:45-7:30-9:45-10:30
Inkheart (PG) Fri 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:55 Sat-Mon 11-1:50-4:25-7:05-9:55 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:25-7:05-9:55
Last Chance Harvey (PG) Fri 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
Milk (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:05-7:10-10:15
My Bloody Valentine 3D (18A) Digital Fri 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20 Digital Sat-Mon 12-2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20 Digital Tue-Thu 2:45-5:15-7:45-10:20
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:50-11:45-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Mon 10:50-11:45-1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10 Tue-Thu 1:30-2:30-4-5-6:30-7:30-9-10
Push (14A) Special Engagement Fri 2:40-5:20-7-8-9:45-10:40 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 12:05-2:40-5:20-7-8-9:45-10:40 Mon 12:05-2:40-5:20-7-8-9:45-10:40 Tue-Thu 2:40-5:20-7-8-9:45-10:40
The Reader (14A) Fri 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:25 Sat-Mon 11-1:50-4:40-7:35-10:25 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:35-10:25
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 12:30-1:45-3:40-4:35-6:45-7:35-9:35-10:40 Sat-Mon 10:40-12:30-1:45-3:40-4:35-6:45-7:35-9:35-10:40 Tue-Thu 12:30-1:45-3:40-4:35-6:45-7:35-9:35-10:40
Taken (14A) Fri 1-2:15-3:15-4:55-5:45-7:15-8:15-9:40-10:45 Sat-Mon 11:10-1-2:15-3:15-4:55-5:45-7:15-8:15-9:40-10:45 Tue-Thu 1-2:15-3:15-4:55-5:45-7:15-8:15-9:40-10:45
Twilight (PG) Fri 4:10-9:55 Sat-Mon 10:35-4:10-9:55 Tue-Thu 4:10-9:55
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-5:45-8:15-10:35
The Uninvited (14A) Fri 2:35-4:50-7:10-9:30 Sat-Mon 12:15-2:35-4:50-7:10-9:30 Tue-Thu 2:35-4:50-7:10-9:30
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-7:05
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 2-4:45-7:20-10:05 Sat-Mon 11:20-2-4:45-7:20-10:05 Tue-Thu 2-4:45-7:20-10:05

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AJAX
248 Kingston Rd. E, 905-426-7772

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri-Mon 1-4-7:05-9:45 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:05-9:45
Coraline (PG) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:20-6:55-9:30 Tue-Thu 6:55-9:30
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:45-4:45-7:35-10:10 No Passes Tue-Thu 7:35-10:10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri-Mon 12:35-3:40-6:45-9:50 Tue-Thu 6:45-9:50
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri-Mon 12:45-3:45-6:30 Tue-Thu 6:30
The International (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:05-7:20-10:05 Tue-Thu 7:20-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 1:30-4:35-7:15-9:40 Tue-Thu 7:15-9:40
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri-Mon 1:15-3:55-6:50-9:25 Tue-Thu 6:50-9:25 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Push (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3:50-7-10 Tue-Thu 7-10
Taken (14A) Fri-Mon 12:50-4:15-7:10-9:55 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:55
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Thu 9:35

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1355 Kingston Rd., 416-646-0444

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) No Passes Fri 6:50-9:40 No Passes Sat-Mon 12:50-3:30-6:50-9:40 No Passes Tue-Thu 5:40-8:30
Coraline (PG) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Mon 12:15-3:10-6:30-9 Tue-Thu 5-7:30
Friday the 13th (18A) No Passes Fri 7:40-10:20 No Passes Sat-Mon 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:20 No Passes Tue-Thu 6:10-8:45
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Fri 7:10-10:15 Sat-Mon 12:30-3:50-7:10-10:15 Tue-Thu 5:10-8:20
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri 6:40-9:10 Sat-Mon 12:40-3:20-6:40-9:10 Tue-Thu 5:50-8:10
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat-Mon 1:10-3:40-7-9:30 Tue-Thu 5:30-7:55
Push (14A) Fri 7:20-10 Sat-Mon 1-4-7:20-10 Tue-Thu 5:20-8
Taken (14A) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Mon 1:30-4:10-7:30-9:50 Tue-Thu 6-8:40

WHITBY 24
75 Consumers Dr., 905-665-7210

Bride Wars (PG) Fri-Mon 12:25-2:45-5:05-7:15-9:30 Tue-Thu 2:45-5:05-7:15-9:30
Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Sat-Mon 11:25-12:30-2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-3-4:30-5:30-7-8-9:30-10:30
Coraline 3D (PG) Special Engagement, Digital Fri-Sun 12:30-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 Digital Mon 12:30-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15 Digital Tue-Thu 3:10-5:30-7:50-10:15
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri-Sat 12-3:35-7:10:30 Sun-Mon 1-4:15-8 Tue-Thu 4:15-8
Friday the 13th (18A) Special Engagement Fri 1-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Sat 11:45-1-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-9:45-10:45 Special Engagement Sun-Mon 11:45-1-2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-9:45 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2:30-3:30-5-6-7:30-8:30-9:45
Frost/Nixon (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
Gran Torino (14A) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:25-10 Sat-Mon 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:25-10 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:25-10
He's Just Not That Into You (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:50-4:45-7:35-10:25 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-1:50-4:45-7:35-10:25 Mon 11-1:50-4:45-7:35-10:25 Tue-Thu 2-4:45-7:35-10:25
Hotel for Dogs (G) Fri 2:15-4:45-7:05-9:20 Sat-Mon 11:40-2:15-4:45-7:05-9:20 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:45-7:05-9:20
Inkheart (PG) Fri-Mon 12:05-2:45 Tue-Thu 2:45
The International (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:15-2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10-10:45 Special Engagement Sat 11-1:15-2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10-10:45 Special Engagement Sun-Mon 11-1:15-2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10 Special Engagement Tue-Thu 2-4:15-5-7:15-8-10
New in Town (PG) Fri 4:50-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:35-4:50-9:50 Tue-Thu 4:50-9:50
Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) Fri-Mon 12:40-3-5:15-7:30-9:45 Tue-Thu 3-5:15-7:30-9:45
The Pink Panther 2 (PG) Special Engagement Fri 12:15-1:15-2:30-3:30-5:50-7:25-8:05-9:40-10:20 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-12:15-1:15-2:30-3:30-5:50-7:25-8:05-9:40-10:20 Mon 11-12:15-1:15-2:30-3:30-5:50-7:25-8:05-9:40-10:20 Tue-Wed 2:30-7:25-9:40 Thu 2:30-3:30-5:50-7:25-8:05-9:40-10:20
Push (14A) Special Engagement Fri 1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11:05-1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Mon 11:05-1:40-4:30-7:20-10 Tue-Thu 4:30-7:20-10
The Reader (14A) Fri 2:15-4:50-7:35-10:20 Sat-Mon 11:35-2:15-4:50-7:35-10:20 Tue-Thu 2:15-4:50-7:35-10:20
Revolutionary Road (14A) Fri-Thu 2:05-7:10
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri 1:45-4:20-7:10-10 Sat-Mon 11:05-1:45-4:20-7:10-10 Tue-Thu 4:20-7:10-10
Taken (14A) Fri 1:45-4-5:15-6:15-7:30-8:30-9:45-10:45 Sat 11:20-1:45-4-5:15-6:15-7:30-8:30-9:45-10:45 Sun-Mon 11:20-1:45-4-5:15-6:15-7:30-8:30-9:45 Tue-Thu 4-5:15-6:15-7:30-8:30-9:45
The Tale of Despereaux (G) Tue-Wed 2:35-5-7:15-9:30
Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (18A) Fri-Mon 12:15-2:45-5:10-7:30-9:45 Tue-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:30-9:45
The Uninvited (14A) Fri-Mon 12:25-2:50-5-7:10-9:25 Tue-Thu 2:50-5-7:10-9:25
The Wrestler (14A) Fri 2-4:30-7:20-9:50 Sat-Mon 11:30-2-4:30-7:20-9:50 Tue-Thu 2-4:30-7:20-9:50

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The top pop albums, according to Billboard Magazine
1. The Fray, The Fray; **2.** Working On A Dream, Bruce Springsteen; **3.** Feel That Fire, Dierks Bentley; **4.** Fearless, Taylor Swift; **5.** I AM...SASHA FIERCE, Beyoncé. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Music

New perspective for Edwards

GRAHAM ROCKINGHAM
for Metro Canada

When Kathleen Edwards got the call from the defence department inviting her to Afghanistan she had been on the road for most of a year.

She was in the middle of a California tour, tired and looking forward to Christmas at home with family and friends.

But it didn't take her long to answer "yes." The Ottawa-born singer-songwriter had been fascinated by the war torn country ever since reading The Kite Runner.

She arrived in Kabul Dec. 22 for a week long stay aboard a DND Hercules transport. The purpose was to entertain the troops over Christmas, but it proved to be much more.

"It was a life-changing trip," Edwards say from her home in Hamilton, where she's lived for more than three years. "I have a whole different outlook and understanding of what people in the military do and the commitment they make, the sacrifices they go through."

MAPLEMUSIC

Kathleen Edwards performed for troops on a recent trip to Afghanistan. She says it changed her life.

Edwards performed every day she was in Afghanistan. The highlight of the week-long trip was a Christmas Eve show at Kandahar Airfield for a combined NATO contingent of Dutch, French and Canadian armed forces.

During her stay, Edwards also visited Kabul, some forward operating bases and a provincial reconstruction site where she got to meet some of the local population. She saw poverty and distress, but she also saw the good that Canadian forces were accomplishing, especially in the area of human rights.

"I thought about the fact that if I had have been in Afghanistan seven years ago," Edwards says. "I would have been arrested and shot for what I do and who I am, just for having a guitar. It's a pretty significant thing to think about."

The Afghan trip capped a whirlwind year that began with the release of her critically acclaimed third album, Asking For Flowers. The CD is up for Adult Alternative Album of the Year at next month's Juno Awards in Vancouver.

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Kathleen Edwards

"I put out the record that I wanted to put out," she says. "I've seen my fan base grow, which is an amazing feeling because I don't feel like I made a very commercial album."

In concert

- Kathleen Edwards performs Friday in Toronto at Trinity St. Paul's.

Love, Hate and The Von Bondies

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

It used to be every band's dream — sign to a major label, record a disc, and watch the money roll in. But after hearing what the Von Bondies went through on their big name label, it's no wonder more acts are turning to indies.

"One of the main guys at Sire told us that we're not emo enough," says Jason Stollsteimer, the band's lead singer. "My answer was good, I want off the label. But, it took two years to get out of our contract."

Costly lawyers were involved, he wasn't allowed to release anything the foursome recorded and he almost gave up music forever. "I stopped playing for a year and a half cold turkey because I was pissed," he reveals. "What's the point of writing songs when no one is ever going to hear them?"

To make matters worse, the singer got divorced from his wife of four years. "I realized I was not made to be at home," he explains. "It was the best eye opener I ever had."

After finally extracting themselves from Sire, and with Stollsteimer's personal life in order, the band was ready to produce their follow-up to 2004's Pawn Shoppe Heart and one of their most invigorating releases in years.

Love, Hate and Then There's You, is a daring, in-your-face 12-song blast of amped-up garage rock. It's loaded with soaring, singalong vocals and a screw you attitude that likely comes from all the trials and tribulations the band's faced over the last few years.

In concert

- The Von Bondies play the Horsehoe Tavern Friday.

Some fans might long for the blues-influenced tunes the Von Bondies released on their first disc, Lack of Communication, but Stollsteimer says he's never going back to the old days.

"Blues purists won't like this record," he says. "We're not playing blues. We're not regurgitating something that happened 40 years ago. We know too much to go back."

While they might have removed the blues from their past, one thing they can't completely shake from their history is Stollsteimer's bar fight with The White Stripes' Jack White. The punch-up resulted in a heap of negative press for the Von Bondies.

Luckily, most of the backlash has faded, except with "obsessed Stripes fans and bloggers" and it's not a big deal for Stollsteimer anymore, especially considering what else he's had to deal with since.

"That's so far behind me. It's a tiny little blip in my life," he says. "Getting divorced was way worse than that."

The Von Bondies new album, Love, Hate and Then There's You, is a daring, in-your-face 12-song blast of amped-up garage rock.

Whatever life has in store for Stollsteimer going forward, he knows two thing for sure — he'll never sign to another major again and he'll keep playing music as long as he can.

"I own the songs right now and I control everything," he says. "It's not so much about money — I'd make more having a normal job — but this is my drug of choice."

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1. Raising Sand, Robert Plant & Alison Krauss, left; **2.** Viva La Vida, Coldplay; **3.** Working On A Dream, Bruce Springsteen; **4.** Slumdog Millionaire soundtrack; **5.** 19, Adele. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Metro recommends

• **THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND, ALREADY FREE:** Soulful southern blues-rock filled with stellar slide work and nimble-fingered solos from a guitar prodigy.

• **THE DONEFORS, HOW TO HAVE SEX WITH CANADIANS:** While they're not really providing an instruction manual, this group meshes Janine Stoll's mesmerizing voice with many musical genres.

• **THE LOST FINGERS, LOST IN THE 80S:** Freshen up the Valentine's party with covers of Tainted Love and other '80s classics from this jazzy Juno-nominated acoustic trio.

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No love for these songs

Celine Dion, Bryan Adams top our list of the absolute worst

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

There are many who don't feel the love this time of year, who view Valentine's Day — and romance in general — as foolish sentimental rubbish, often concisely framed in bad pop songs.

That said, we've pooled opinions on some of the worst love songs of all time, just in time for the big day. And way to go Cancon — three of them are Canadian.

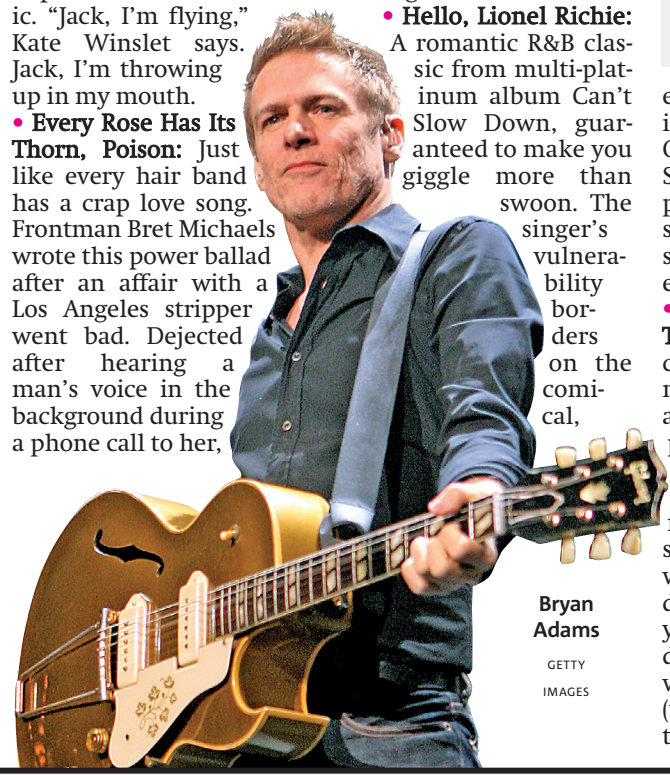
Celine Dion
GETTY IMAGES

• **Everything I Do (I Do It For You), Bryan Adams:** With its sauntering tempo and maudlin lyrics, this 1991 song by the Canadian rocker–turned-shutterbug calls up images of adolescent boys and girls standing on opposite sides of the gymnasium, until forced by the teacher to pair up and awkwardly hold each other while waddling in a spacious circle.

• **My Heart Will Go On, Celine Dion:** Pretty much anything done by Quebec's greatest mistake will induce bile faster than ingesting a bowl of week-old poutine, but there's a special place in hell for this one. The histrionic, maple-flavoured sap of Dion's most notorious work will have you rejoicing at Leonardo DiCaprio's death in Titanic. "Jack, I'm flying," Kate Winslet says. Jack, I'm throwing up in my mouth.

Valentine's Day

• **Every Rose Has Its Thorn, Poison:** Just like every hair band has a crap love song. Frontman Bret Michaels wrote this power ballad after an affair with a Los Angeles stripper went bad. Dejected after hearing a man's voice in the background during a phone call to her, Michaels concocted this noxious faux-country tale of woe in a laundromat. Today, his romantic misfires are documented on Rock Of Love, a TV series on which you can at least change the channel.



Bryan Adams
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• **Hello, Lionel Richie:** A romantic R&B classic from multi-platinum album Can't Slow Down, guaranteed to make you giggle more than swoon. The singer's vulnerability borders on the comical, earning lampoons on Family Guy and The 40 Year Old Virgin, playing while Steve Carell reluctantly prepares to have at himself. You'll never believe a song so bad could be so enjoyable.

• **Still The One, Shania Twain:** This Canadian country catastrophe is more likely to encourage a coma than a romance. It plays while you fall half-asleep in the waiting room at the dentist's office, it's the tune that's sung by the tone-deaf waitress on karaoke Tuesday nights and the song your uncle and aunt slow-dance to on their 25th wedding anniversary (which I suppose is romantic in its way).

The Good

On the other hand, here are some classic love songs:
• My Girl, The Temptations,
• At Last, Etta James
• Who's That Lady, The Isley Brothers
• Angie, Rolling Stones

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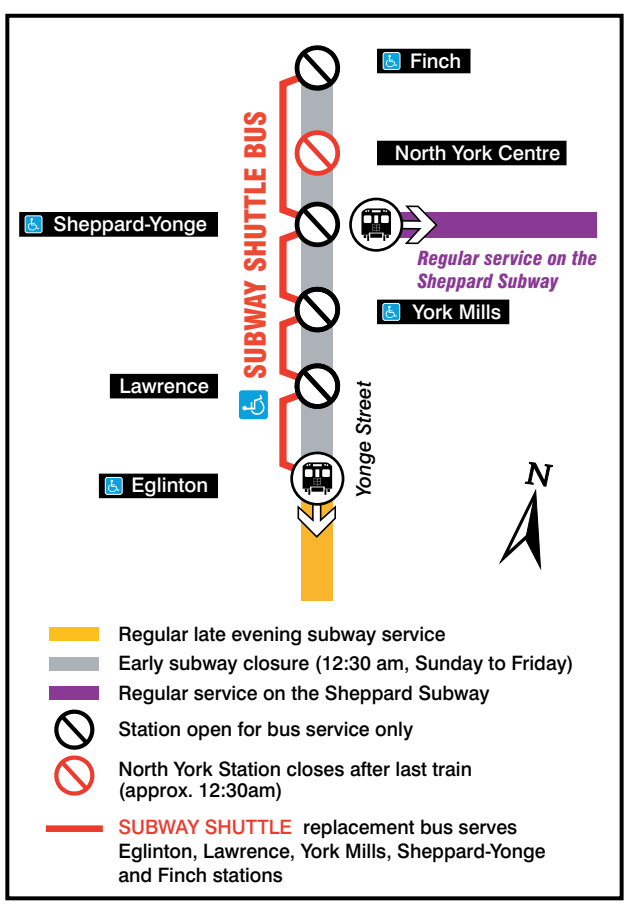

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Tips for avoiding a mixtape mishap

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Valentine'sDay

If your plans this Valentine's Day include creating a mixtape for your beloved, here are some helpful hints that will help you avoid anyone, er, misinterpreting your true intentions.

• **One, U2:** I've been to too many weddings where this has been the bride and groom's first dance and each time I cringe. First, the song had such a difficult birth that it almost resulted in the breakup of U2. More importantly, is the grudging love/hate nature of the lyrics. The message: We're together, but only because we have to be to survive.

• **With or Without You, U2:** Sure, it sounds all romantic, but again, take a very close listen to the lyrics. The song is written from the perspective of a man who both loves and reviles the object of his affections and is tortured by the contradictions of the relationship. The message: Women — can't live with them, can't live without them.

• **Every Breath You Take, The Police:** A track that sounds like a love song, but is actually a statement of malicious intent by a stalker. And do you really want to include a song that Sting was inspired to write after he separated from his first wife? On a happier note, Sting was in Jamaica at the time and wrote the song on the same desk that Ian Flemming used when he wrote all those James Bond novels. Then again, James Bond isn't the most faithful of men, either, is he? The message: I'm watching you — and I'm gonna get you when you least expect it.

• **Crash into Me, Dave Matthews Band:** Just like Every Breath You Take, the narrator of the song is a stalker-ish creep, specifically a peeping tom. And the bit about being "tied up and twisted?" Hmm. The wrong message: I'm a perv.

• **The Best of My Love, The Eagles:** Don Henley's ode to inadequacy. What part of "You got the best of my love/I guess that wasn't enough" is unclear? The message: I did my best to please you, but I guess I'm just an inadequate dork.

• **The One I Love, REM:** Forget the angry minor key for a second, although that doesn't help. Instead, skip to the part where Michael Stipe calls the subject of the song "A simple prop to occupy my time." The message: You're a waste of space and I feel abandoned because of it.

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Top 36 Idols named

American Idol just named its Top 36 Wednesday, but you won't get to vote for one of them. Joanna Pacitti, who has been hotly debated on Idol fansites because of her former record deal with A&M Records, has been booted from the competition. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

The Top 10 dancers from the first season of CTV's So You Think You Can Dance are touring the country.

Get your dancing shoes

So You Think You Can Dance tour in Toronto

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada

Arassay Reyes is just as sweet and personable over the phone as she came across on stage during last fall's hit show So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

The Havana, Cuba, native is one of the top 10 dancers from the first season of the CTV series who are crossing the country on a live tour over.

When told she was obviously a crowd favourite and could have easily made the final four, the talented brunette modestly gushes: "Oh, thank you. I really appreciate it, thank you so much."

Her English isn't perfect: She moved to Canada and began learning the language just three months before she was selected for the show.

The 21-year-old's dad first moved to B.C. seven years ago and last year Reyes finally joined him.

"I came to visit and after that I told him maybe I will try to move here, because it's a beautiful country and you have freedom," she said.

She now calls South Surrey, B.C., home where she lives with her dad, stepmom and grandparents.

The So You Think You Can Dance Canada 2009 Tour debuted in Vancouver last month. Reyes said she couldn't wait to perform in her home province.

The group will have repeated the performance 15 times during the tour, hitting about three cities a week and in preparation they've been working overtime.

The charming brunette, who was paired mostly with Nico Archambault of Montreal, the winner of the televised competition, will again appear on stage with the handsome heartthrob.

She said she's looking forward to performing one of her favourite routines with him, a contemporary piece to Queen's Somebody to Love in which Archambault dons black feather wings.

"We really have the connection to be partners," Reyes said. "I don't know how that happened."

Throughout the competition the couple was applauded for their outstanding chemistry on stage.

During her off time, Reyes went back to Cuba and spent time relaxing and hanging out with her family.

The Caribbean island is where she learned to dance; she started when she was eight years old doing Latin, contemporary and folk dance and later attended the Cuban National School of the Arts. Her hard work eventually won her a spot in the National Contemporary Dance Company of Cuba (Danza Contemporanea de Cuba).

While in B.C., she's been learning English and dancing with the Vancouver dance company Grupo America.

The three months spent taping the popular show last fall were gruelling, Reyes said, and she was quite ready for a break and to see the rest of her family.

Now she can't wait to get back on stage.

"We're going to perform for thousands and thousands of people and I'm so happy to do it," she said.

tour stops

The So You Think You Can Dance Canada Tour 2009 will feature hit routines from the TV show. The tour stops in:

- Toronto: Friday at Air Canada Centre.

FRIDAY

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	210	302	6 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate (N)		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker		Survivorman		Crusoe "The Mutineers"		News (N)
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	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Howie Do It (N)	Howie Do It	Friday Night Lights (N)		Dateline NBC		News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap (N)		Supernanny (N)		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Sarah Connor Chronicles		Supernanny (N)		Stargate SG-1		News (N)
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SATURDAY

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	603	561	56 FOOD	Family	Glutton-Punish.	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		Top Chef		Hell's Kitchen		The F Word
	300	601	301 M1	*Hairspray* ★★★ (2007, Musical Comedy) John Travolta.				*Fool's Gold* ★ (2008, Action) Matthew McConaughey.				*Legacy*

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by Enza Anderson

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Grip co-ordinators Filipe da Luz, left, and Luis Chen.

PHD media director Steven Wendt.

VROOM. VROOM. Metro Toronto put Autoshow festivities into high gear as it hosted car advertising executives and media planners at its client night outing at CN Tower's Horizons Cafe. The top of the tower gathering not only had guest talking wheeling and dealing. In short, it made for a perfect marketing mixer. Happy Motoring...

LEFT: Michelle Kim, Genesis Vizeum media assistant.

Cossette Media's planning assistant Sarah Graham and media planner Yaryna Hritz.

MBS Group account director Sunith Lobo, left, and Audi director of marketing Karsten Ruwolt.

Metro English Canada's publisher Bill McDonald, left, and associate publisher Irene Patterson pose with MediaCom media planner Colin MacGregor, who won a free page of advertising in Metro.

LEFT TO RIGHT: PHD planner Jason Lodder and MediaCom media planners Andrea Fairbairn and James Monaghan.

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Anna Nicole Smith opera

Britain's august Royal Opera said Thursday it is planning a show based on the life of Anna Nicole Smith, the model and stripper who married an octogenarian oil tycoon, starred in her own TV show and died of a drug overdose in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Going Out

Black History Month events

- **Guided Walking Tour —** Stroll the streets where many of Toronto's historic black leaders originated. When: Sunday, Feb. 22, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Starts and finishes at Mackenzie House, 82 Bond St. Contact: 416-392-6915. Cost: $6, seniors and kids pay $2.50.

- **The Black Press in Canada West —** An exhibit on the literature and newspapers of the Black community in Ontario. When: Saturdays and Sundays in February, noon to 5 p.m. Where: Mackenzie House, 82 Bond St. Contact: 416-392-6915. Cost: $6, seniors and kids pay $2.50.

- **Black History Past and Present —** Music, African dancers and fashion, refreshments provided. When: Saturday, Feb. 21, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Where: Lawrence Heights Community Centre, 5 Replin Rd. Contact: 416-703-6607. Cost: free.

- **African Rhythms Solo Piano Concert —** Jazz legend Randy Weston performs. When: Friday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m. Where: York University, 4700 Keele St. Contact: 416-736-5888. Cost: $40, students and seniors pay $25.

- **West African Drum and Dance Showcase —** Featuring Billy Nankouma Konate, Sani Abu and others. When: Saturday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m. Where: York University, 4700 Keele St. Contact: 416-736-5888. Cost: $10

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The power of purple

Critically acclaimed musical brings uplifting message to Toronto

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

The Color Purple proves that while sometimes hope might be the only thing you have left, it might also be the only thing you need.

The critically acclaimed musical, based on Alice Walker's Pullitzer Prize-winning book about life, love and enduring pain, came to Toronto this week with rousing music and an uplifting message that hopes to capture a spirit of hope and personal rejuvenation.

Lead actress Kenita Miller plays Celie, a young girl raped by her stepfather, mistreated by her reluctant husband and told by many how "ugly" she is, but who ultimately discovers the power of love, forgiveness and believing in herself.

For Miller, the chance to play a character with so much depth and strength was too intriguing to pass up.

"When you get a chance to play a full human being, you have to take it. It's been my most challenging role so far," Miller said.

The role has also helped Miller come to terms with her own insecurities and fears, just like Celie does.

"Roles can be healing if you allow them to be and I think this has been healing for me — it's helped me to become a stronger individual," Miller said.

Felicia P. Fields, who reprises her Tony Award nominated performance as the biting funny and strong-willed Sofia, says her character's ascerbic wit and feminist sensibilities are not a far stretch from her own, including her physical toughness. Case in point: Fields has actually slugged a guy with a lamp when he deserved it, for real.

"A lot of her is a lot of me. My mother said, 'They're paying you to be yourself!'" Fields joked.

The production marks somewhat of a homecoming for composer Brenda Russell, who was born in New York but raised in Hamilton, Ont. Russell co-composed the music with Allee Willis and Stephen Bray and says the quality of Walker's book made inspiration easy to find when writing music.

"We were blessed to start off with an incredible story that millions of people have fallen in love with and I'm proud of the way the audience connects with the music," Russell said.

Rather than being a solely personal thing, Russell says writing is a process not only of creation, but listening to a greater spiritual force as well.

"The music is out there somewhere and you're just a channel. It's not all about you – call it God, call it spirituality. It's like you're a radio tuning in," Russell said.

- The Color Purple runs until March 14 at the Canon Theatre in downtown Toronto.

PAUL KOLNIK PHOTO

The Color Purple church ladies (from left) Lynette DuPree, Virginia Ann Woodruff, Kimberly Ann Harris. The Pullitzer Prize-winning book-turned-musical debuted in Toronto this week.

"When you get a chance to play a full human being, you have to take it. It's been my most challenging role so far."
Kenita Miller, actress who plays Celie

Wal-Mart has high hopes for Twilight
Wal-Mart Stores Inc is hoping that the vampire romance movie Twilight will mean runaway success at its cash registers. The Twilight movie DVD is slated for release on March 21. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY
For more great events around the city, visit: **metronews.ca/entertainment**

Canadian Intl. Auto Show
When: Starts Friday till Feb. 22, 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Where: Metro Toronto Convention Centre
The Auto Show returns with "The New Era" featuring more than 1000 cars and trucks. Admission ranges from free for children under six to $40 for a family pass.

Matthew Barber feat. Emma Lee
When: Saturday, 9 p.m.
Where: The Rivoli, 334 Queen St. W
Let these local folk-rock crooners serenade you and a sweetheart for $10.

No Sweetheart required
When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Whistler's McNeil Room, 995 Broadview Ave.
For a sassy Valentine's substitute, try this night of romantic comedy hosted by Liam Doherty. Tickets are $18. Call ahead for dinner reservations: 416-421-1344.

The Red Party
When: Saturday, 8 p.m.
Where: Toika Lounge, 471 Richmond St.
Local singles paint the town red at Fast Life's annual Valentine's bash. Tickets: $15.

Wii Are Family
When: Sunday, 2 p.m.
Where: Second City, 51 Mercer St.
Fledgling comedians strut their stuff at this Second City graduate revue. Admission is free. Donations to the Toronto Humane Society are welcome.

Phunk'd Phamily Day
When: Sunday, 10 p.m.
Where: Gladstone Hotel Ballroom, 1214 Queen St. W
Dance to an old-school mix of hip-hop and house music in the Gladstone ballroom. The cost is $10. See phunkd.com for more.
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The ones that Oscar missed

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

MOVIE Although there may not have been an earth-shattering dark horse, there was one notable surprise unwrapped during the unveiling of the Academy Award nominees and it came via The Reader.

With five nods (including best actress for star Kate Winslet), The Reader wasn't so much a bombshell for wrangling nominations as much as it was for being deemed the film that knocked blockbuster The Dark Knight out of contention for best picture.

But while the focus has been primarily on The Dark Knight's stunning absence in that category, there have been several other overlooked films in the race for an Oscar this year. While the Academy may ignore their significance, they are worth noting here:

THE WRESTLER

Bruce Springsteen has been getting most of the attention ever since his musical contribution to The Wrestler was snubbed by the Academy but many fans have also been abuzz on the Internet arguing the film itself was deserving of best picture.

WALL-E

The first-ever animated movie to win top spot from the L.A. Film Critics Association, many thought it could do the same at this year's Oscars. There's little doubt it will take best animated picture, but where is Andrew Stanton's nomination for best director?

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sally Hawkins may have shocked many by taking home the Golden Globe for best actress earlier this year but she's surprising even more by not even receiving an Oscar nomination for her fantastic role in Happy Go Lucky.

WENDY AND LUCY

This intimate drama about a girl who loses her beloved pooch on a cross-country road trip took top honors from the Toronto Film Critics' Association and was named one of the best movies of the year by the American Film Institute. Film critic A.O. Scott even wrote "it does not contain a superfluous word or shot." Unfortunately for writer/director Kelly Reichardt, that collective acclaim will be all for naught at this year's Oscars.

The 81st Annual Academy Awards

GRAN TORINO

At 78-years-old, Torino may be Clint Eastwood's final acting performance. As such, people are fuming that he didn't even receive a nomination for his powerful portrayal of a bigoted war veteran. Still, the best actor category is one of the toughest races — who would you replace?

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Brown charges not filed this week

Prosecutors say they don't expect charges will be filed against singer Chris Brown this week in an alleged domestic-violence case. involving his longtime girlfriend, fellow singer Rihanna. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Lovely Lily

MUSIC Lily Allen may have a potty mouth at times, but the singer sounds positively perfect on her new CD, It's Not Me, It's You. Allen's second album, it is getting great reviews — and the songstress will appear on a half-hour CTV ETalk special on Saturday.

2 Koala love

POP CULTURE It seems the public is re-discovering the koala. Sam, the most famous furry survivor of Australia's worst-ever wild fires, has captured hearts around the world, reports The Associated Press. The female marsupial was scorched in the blaze, but got some TLC from a handsome firefighter.

3 Mamma M.I.A

PERFORMANCE The very pregnant M.I.A. not only showed up at last Sunday's Grammy Awards — the singer did so on her due date. Nominated for record of the year, M.I.A. also performed at the show. Word is her fiancé took a stopwatch to the show, just in case he needed to time her contractions. No word on whether the baby has been born yet.

4 Bookworms

GADGET Amazon.com is set to release a new version of its electronic reading device, Kindle — but it will only be available in the U.S.

5 Clever, clever

GAMES Is KenKen the next sudoku? The new game — its name means loosely "cleverness squared" — began appearing in the The New York Times this week.

6 Recession protection

RECESSION USA Today has reported that at least one industry is recession-proof. "One particular product is seeing a sales increase — condoms," writes the paper.

7 Rihanna and Chris

GOSSIP It seems everyone is waiting for more details about what exactly happened between Chris Brown and Rihanna. The couple was a no-show at the Grammys; with Rihanna cancelling concerts earlier this week.

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Exploring Mexico's myriad landscapes

ERICK TAPIA
Metro World News

High-profile beach resorts may be the first thing that comes to mind when Canadian holidaymakers think about Mexico. But that's a very narrow picture of a country that in fact boasts an astonishing variety of destinations.

Mexico is home to multiple ecosystems and an alluring geography that includes rainforests, deserts, beaches, magical old towns, forests, cliffs and spectacular vistas.

As for its cultural wealth, a mosaic of cultures left behind monuments, spiritual traditions and rituals that spark the imagination. In fact the country has so much to offer that the choice can be bewildering. Here's a rundown of some of Mexico's most exciting destinations:

Huatulco

A coastal paradise on the Pacific Ocean in the state of Oaxaca, Huatulco is the perfect spot for diving and snorkelling. The coastline has nine protected bays and 36 beaches, all part of the Bahias de Huatulco National Park.

Main tourist centres include Tangolunda Bay and Santa Cruz Bay; the latter has spectacular coral reefs teeming with marine life and hosts the annual Torneo de Pesca de Pez Vela (Sailfish Fishing Tournament) in April and May.

Tepoztlan

About two hours away from Mexico City, Tepoztlan is a place full of mystery and tradition. During the spring equinox, thousands of people visit the mountain of Cerro del Tepozteco because they believe it will charge them with energy. A highlight is the remains of a pre-Hispanic temple at the mountain's summit; tepoz.com.mx.

Teotihuacan

The place where men became gods, this is one of the most important archaeological zones in Mexico and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The highlights of this metropolis — thought to have been built between the first and seventh centuries AD — are the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, vast monuments that flank the city's central avenue. The site is 40 kilometres northeast of Mexico City.

Barrancas del Cobre

A national park located in the northwestern state of Chihuahua, Barrancas del Cobre or Copper Canyon is an enormous net of canyons four times the size of the Grand Canyon. It also has one of Mexico's most impressive arrays of flora and fauna.

The best way to explore this natural jewel is by train on the Chihuahua-Pacifico railroad or CHEPE, chepe.com.mx, which offers spectacular views of rivers, cactus forests, pine woodland and narrow gorges from above and below. Stop off and you can enjoy trips downstream, horse riding, rock climbing, guided nature treks and visits to the reclusive Tarahumara Indians, barrancasdelcobrewebsite.com.

Valle de Bravo

About 150 kilometres southwest of Mexico City, on the hills rising from the shores of beautiful Lake Avandaro, this pretty little town is a magnet for tourists, many of whom are drawn by the Sanctuary for the Monarch Butterfly. Every winter, millions of Monarchs journey from North America to the local forest.

Valle de Bravo is also home to the Velo de Novia (Bride's Veil) waterfall and the Natural Reserve of Monte Blanco; valledebravo.com.mx.

Real de Catorce

Real de Catorce is a beautiful, tranquil village high in the Sierra de Catorce mountains in the state of Zacatecas. Silence and pure air are its main attributes.

Founded in 1779, this once booming silver-mining town was later abandoned and many original buildings still stand, which is why it's a popular backdrop for Hollywood movies.

It's also a spiritual place, with pilgrims visiting every year for various festivals. Its tourist infrastructure is improving, but accommodation is limited. There are no banks, and only one hotel and restaurant accepts credit cards; vivarealdecatorce.com.

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Tangolunda Bay in Huatalco is part of a coastal paradise that includes nine protected bays and 36 beaches.

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Moore engaged to be married
Mandy Moore will tie the knot with her musician beau Ryan Adams, her publicist confirmed to People magazine. Details weren't immediately available. Moore, 24, and Adams, 34, had dated off-and-on since March 2008. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Lesson in manners set for Prince Harry

PEOPLE Prince Harry has been ordered by his army bosses to enrol in equality and diversity lessons, people.com reports.

The sessions are the disciplinary actions assigned after the third in line to the crown was caught on video referring to a fellow soldier as a "Paki," People magazine has confirmed.

The news also comes a day after it was reported that Harry, 24, told a comedian, "You don't sound like a black chap."

Comic Stephen K. Amos, the target of Harry's "black chap" remark at Prince Charles' 60th birthday party in November, said there were no hard feelings towards Harry and he (Amos) had not taken offence. "As a comedian it is my job to find the funny. I was honoured to be asked to perform at the 60th birthday comedy event for Prince Charles," said Amos. "I do not believe Prince Harry was racist to me."

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The army course in diversity will take place soon, royal insiders tell People. Harry is expected to attend the lessons over a period of days.

Thursday, Harry's office at St. James's Palace told People, "Prince Harry has said he is sorry for his remarks. He has been subjected to the normal army disciplinary procedures."

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Britney a desperate housewife in video?

VIDEO Britney Spears is a mega pop star, a mom of two — and now a happy homemaker in her new video, people.com is reporting

The singer, who plans to hit the road for her Circus tour next month, spent Tuesday filming the video for her upcoming single If U Seek Amy, in which she plays a sexy housewife dressed in blonde '50s style wig, fitted pink top and white skirt. "The video is very provocative," says a source.

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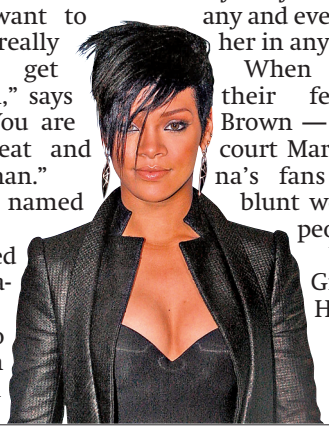
Fan support swells online for Rihanna

INCIDENT Days after Rihanna was allegedly beaten by her boyfriend, Chris Brown, fans are filling her MySpage page with words of encouragement, people.com reports.

"YOU deserve BETTER," writes Jessica.

"I just want to say that I really hope you get better soon," says Morgan. "You are such a great and strong woman."

A fan named Leiahi'ena even offered the Barbados-bred singer (who hasn't been seen in public since the Sunday morning incident) refuge in Hawaii.



Even celebrity pal Kanye West has spoken about the incident, telling Ryan Seacrest on his Tuesday radio show, "I feel like that's my baby sis and I would do any and everything to help her in any situation."

When it comes to their feelings about Brown — who is due in court March 5 — Rihanna's fans offer mostly blunt words of advice, people.com adds. Writes Grantos: "Leave His A—."

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Tara says she was sad

PEOPLE Tara Reid checked into rehab because she was "sad and conflicted," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 33-year-old actress recently completed a 60-day stay at Malibu's Promises rehab centre — where Lindsay Lohan and Britney Spears have previously been treated — for substance abuse, and insists the move was the "greatest decision" she has ever made.

She said: "I didn't like the person I was. I was sad and conflicted.

"Some people get forced to be in rehab. I went there by myself. I put myself there. It was the greatest decision I ever made."

Tara insists checking into the facility was one of the toughest times she has ever been through, but is delighted with the effect the treatment had on her.

She added to In Touch Weekly magazine: "Rehab saved my life. Before I used to think about tomorrow and I hated it. Now I can't wait because I am clean and sober and I am excited."

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No diet, no gyms: Scarlett

PEOPLE Scarlett Johansson has come out firmly against dieting and gyms. The voluptuous young star even claims she's never been to a gym. "I have never been on a diet in my whole life," she says, according to Sky Showbiz. "I've seen gyms only from the outside. I feel very comfortable with my body."

And as for stick-thin celebrities, Johansson says she doesn't get it. "Count me out. I don't understand what's supposed to be sexy there. And besides, I like to eat too much."

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Jackson suffers complications

HEALTH Looks like Michael Jackson's latest round of plastic surgery may have caused some unplanned health problems.

According to the Sun, the former King of Pop is receiving IV antibiotics for a severe staph infection he contracted during work to reconstruct his nose. "There's a chance it could turn into a flesh-eating disorder where it begins to kill off his skin, so he's being very carefully monitored," the source says.

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Owen indifferent about his looks

IMAGE Clive Owen doesn't care about his looks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Children of Men actor doesn't make any effort with his appearance in his "normal life," despite being regarded as a Hollywood heartthrob.

He said: "Any actor who starts taking the tag 'sex symbol' seriously or thinks of themselves as a sex symbol has got some serious problems. When I'm in my normal life I care very little about how I look. Sometimes I have to dress up when I'm making movies, but that's not me when I'm just hanging around."

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Rourke falling for Courtney Love?

ROMANCE Looks like Mickey Rourke and Courtney Love's longtime friendship has jumped to the next level.

The two stars have been dating secretly for about a month, according to the Daily Mirror. "Mickey texted Courtney totally out of the blue, around the time of the Golden Globes, asking to take her out for the night," a source tells the newspaper. And while she didn't end up as his date, they allegedly still found time for each other.

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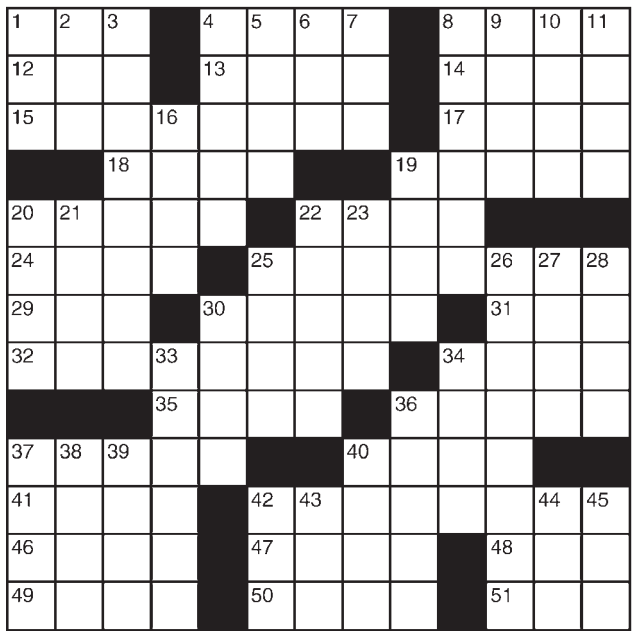

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

1 Muppet master Henson
4 Look-alike
8 Low range
12 Literary collection
13 Head light?
14 Easter flower
15 Redo
17 In due time
18 Uncomplicated
19 Mexican's ancestor, maybe
20 Squander
22 Exposed
24 Grounded flock
25 Luthor's enemy
29 Standard
30 Ancient Dead Sea region
31 Carte lead-in
32 Hitchcock classic
34 Vail gear
35 Roddick of tennis
36 Performs, biblically
37 Home of America's largest urban zoo
40 Drink
41 Trickster god
42 Get amorous
46 Ostentation
47 Garfield's pal
48 Lubricant
49 Mediocre
50 Poetic foot
51 Today's "groovy"

Crossword down

1 Predicament
2 — fix
3 Guaran-tee
4 More than just that?
5 Undulating
6 — -de-France
7 Clause connector
8 Sports jacket
9 "— She Sweet?"
10 Plum-like fruit
11 Harmonization
16 Chow
19 Vicinity
20 Cried
21 Asian servant
22 Crony
23 Tarzan's clique
25 Irrational number
26 Indemnify
27 Settled down
28 One of CSN&Y
30 Hoodoo
33 Exile
34 Ground
36 Uncool sort
37 Let the cat out of the bag
38 Irritate
39 Gumbo need
40 Read cursorily
42 Miss Piggy's pronoun
43 Oklahoma city
44 Compete
45 Will Ferrell movie

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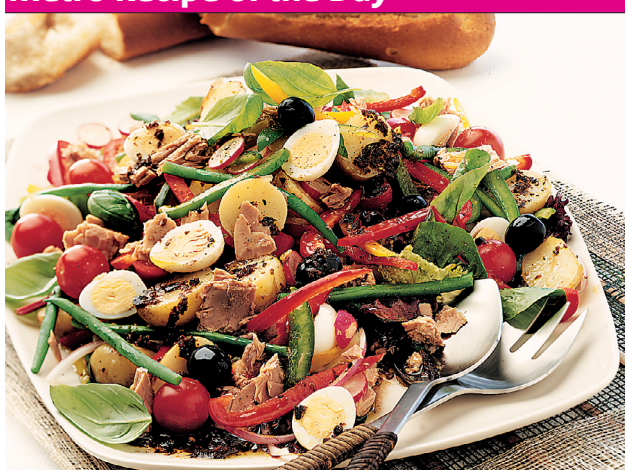

French Tuna and Bell Pepper Salad

INGREDIENTS:
14 oz (400 g) new potatoes
1 3/4 oz (50 g) green beans
7 1/2 oz (220 g) mixed salad greens
1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped parsley
1 tbsp (15 ml) snipped fresh chives
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 tbsp (15 ml) black olive tapenade
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp (15 ml) red wine vinegar
1 tsp (5 ml) balsamic vinegar
Pepper to taste
10–15 radishes, thinly sliced
1 can (6 oz/170 g) tuna in water, drained
3 1/2 oz (100 g) cherry tomatoes
1 each of red, yellow and green pepper, seeded and thinly sliced
8 black olives

METHOD:
1. Place potatoes in a pot and cover with boiling water. Cook over medium heat 10 minutes. Add green beans and cook 5 minutes or until potatoes are tender and beans are just cooked. Drain well and set aside to cool.
2. Toss the salad greens with the parsley, chives and red onion in a large shallow bowl.
3. For dressing, mix tapenade with garlic, olive oil, red wine vinegar and balsamic vinegar, and season with pepper. Pour two-thirds dressing over salad greens and toss well to mix.
4. Halve potatoes and arrange on top of salad greens with green beans, radishes, tuna, tomatoes, peppers and olives. Pour over remaining dressing, garnish with basil leaves and serve.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A guy's inconsistency expresses his inner turmoil. A man with a plan makes a profound speech. Someone's false move weakens your desire.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Contact your most important admirer for help. The bearer of good news will get a free dinner. A demented associate will make you laugh.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Foolish expectations go up in flames. Don't take it personally when anyone is disappointed. A commonplace approach to problems isn't effective.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Your social life gets busy and friendships will grow. Camaraderie develops with a kind woman. Your anxiety will be relieved by good news.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Something pleasant happens to you in public. Certain tasks will have to be faced immediately. You'll think about the kindness of a stranger.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your personal charm and charisma are at an all-time high. Prepare yourself to have an intense chat. A lonely person will return home.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A trusted person returns and cheers you. A predicament is caused by a desperado who takes control. A woman's dream resolves a dilemma.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
A voice from the past makes you nostalgic. Someone's self-involvement puts your teeth on edge. A power play leads to bonding with others.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
A chatty associate will insist that a conflict be settled. Be cautious and stay on top of breaking news. Stoke up a friend's damaged self-esteem.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A sincere lover passes a test. Finding new helpers is easier than you expected. Somebody's pleasure-seeking will stick in your mind.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Other people look to you for leadership. A friendship may be damaged by having a sense of duty. Self-medicating will have a puzzling effect.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Release your unhappiness and move on. Make sure that all loose ends are tied up. Use your compassion to forestall a serious confrontation.

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